



CAMPAIGN 2020

Trump, Biden fight toward bitter end



CHALLENGING RESULTS: President Trump said at the White House on Thursday, as his lead was eroding in key battleground states, “We can’t allow anybody to silence our voters and manufacture results. We want an honest election and an honest count.”

Democrat narrows races; president takes claims of fraud to courts

By DAVID SHERFINSKI AND DAVE BOYER
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Democratic challenger Joseph R. Biden ate into President Trump’s leads in key battleground states Thursday as Mr. Trump seized on allegations of fraud in jurisdictions from coast to coast to argue that the election was essentially being stolen from him.

Mr. Trump’s team continued a flurry of legal challenges and insisted he would emerge the winner as soon as Friday as Mr. Biden appeared on the cusp of clinching the presidency if just one additional state broke his way.

“They’re trying to rig an election,” Mr. Trump said Thursday evening at the White House. “We can’t allow anybody to silence our voters and manufacture results. We want an honest election and an honest count.”

Mr. Biden’s projected 264-214 lead in the Electoral College didn’t change Thursday, but he clawed away at the president’s once-substantial leads in Georgia and Pennsylvania in the hunt for just one more state to get the 270

electoral votes needed to win.

Mr. Trump gained on Mr. Biden’s lead in Arizona, a state that The Associated Press called for Mr. Biden but where a slow-moving vote count showed a thinning margin. Mr. Trump trailed by 1.6 percentage points, or 46,000 votes, with an estimated 10% of the ballots still uncounted.

“We have no doubt that when the count is finished Sen. [Kamala] D. Harris and I will be declared the winners,” Mr. Biden said in brief remarks in Delaware earlier in the day. “So I ask everyone to stay calm. ... The process is working. The count is being completed, and we’ll know very soon.”

Anticipating that he will soon be president-elect, Mr. Biden set up a transition website and participated in economic and COVID-19 briefings in his home state.

The president’s team, meanwhile, stepped up accusations of voter fraud as more and more ballots rolled in.

“We have been getting countless

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VOTERS

Large support for Trump puzzles Hispanic advocates

By STEPHEN DINAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Hispanic activists had promised that President Trump’s immigration policy, insulting rhetoric and handling of the coronavirus — with a disproportionate impact on Hispanics — would earn him the lowest share of their votes in modern American history. They were wrong.

The main news media consortium’s exit polling showed Mr. Trump expanding his share of the Hispanic vote from 28% in 2016 to 32% this year. A separate

exit poll for The Associated Press and Fox News showed Mr. Trump winning 35%, which would be the second-best performance for any Republican since Ronald Reagan.

That success has set off a round of soul-searching among those who insisted that Hispanics would punish this president.

From venerable publications to Twitter, the discussion divided into those who blamed racism and those who sought

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CARRYING A MESSAGE: A person who gave the name Phoenix R. demonstrated outside the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia where votes were being counted. The president’s team won a legal order to gain better access to the process.

PARTISANSHIP

Aftermath of election exposes deep U.S. divide

By SETH McLAUGHLIN AND S. A. MILLER
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The massive voter turnout in the 2020 election and the narrow margin in the vote brought into stark relief a deepening divide in the U.S. that has robbed the winner of a clear political mandate.

The dynamic is dashing voters’ dreams of a calm after the campaign storm and adding to the sense that the country is a powder keg.

Nina Turner, a senior adviser to Sen. Bernard Sanders’ presidential campaign, said neither of the political parties received a clear edict from voters.

“If Democrats had a mandate, we would know who won by now,” Mrs. Turner told The Washington Times.

“People who voted, by and large, voted mainly because they were anti-Trump and not necessary pro-the Democratic candidate or the Democratic agenda,” she said, expressing dismay at Democratic candidate Joseph R. Biden’s lack of a clear economic vision. “This was totally, ‘I can’t take any more of Donald J. Trump drama and trauma.’”

Mr. Trump gave voice to the us-versus-them mentality dominating political

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PROTESTS

Election indecision drives demonstrators into streets

By JEFF MORDOCK
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Protesters across the country battled as the nation’s election counts dragged on, with violence by left-wing agitators erupting in Democrat-run cities even while Joseph R. Biden was closing in on a presidential win.

The protesters have caused plenty of chaos since Election Day but lack a set of demands or an agenda. Unlike this summer’s demonstrations against racial injustice and police brutality, the postelection protesters are charging ahead with chaos as their only goal.

In Chicago, protesters marched against both Mr. Biden and President Trump.

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READY TO FIGHT: Demonstrations for various causes erupted across the nation Thursday as the uncertainty about the presidential election dragged on.

RELIGION

Evangelical support for Trump slips in key states

By CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

White evangelicals labored in the vineyards again for President Trump on Tuesday, casting votes in overwhelming numbers for the Republican president who counts them among his staunchest allies and for pro-life, socially conservative Republican candidates in down-ballot races as well.

But early data from exit polls and turnout reveals a small but potentially fatal slippage from Mr. Trump’s 2016 massive support from Christian evangelicals in key states, even as Democratic rival Joseph R. Biden appeared to be moving closer to a win in both the popular vote and the Electoral College.

Surveys of voters by The Associated Press and National

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SWEDEN

Swedish defense gets huge funding surge in face of rising Russian threat



ON GUARD: Sweden is expanding its military footprint and appealing to young citizens to join one of the four branches of the Forsvarsmakten as tensions with Russia increase.

By FREDERIC PUGLIE
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

VISBY, SWEDEN | Sheep, churches and small-town amenities abound on Sweden’s largest island. A sense of geopolitical tension? Not so much.

But if Sweden’s political and military leaders are to be believed, Gotland today marks the first line of defense against a foe whose powerful Baltic fleet anchors just 200 miles across the sea.

“Russian aggression” has destabilized the region, Defense Minister Peter Hultqvist warned last month, adding with eye-popping candor: “An armed attack on Sweden cannot be ruled out.”

For skeptics of the rising concern felt across

central Europe about the threat posed from Russia, Sweden is putting its money where its mouth is. Mr. Hultqvist made the comments as the center-left government announced the highest surge in Swedish defense spending since the 1950s: a \$3 billion injection that will raise troop levels from 60,000 to 90,000 by 2025.

That follows the 2017 revivals of both the peacetime draft and the Gotland Regiment, a 350-member armored Army unit that was disbanded in 2004.

Across the political spectrum, the government, led by the center-left Social Democrats, has received near-unanimous backing for its push to bring Sweden’s defenses up to speed.

“There’s been a change of mood, and this has been brought about especially due to Russia’s

aggressive behavior in [our] vicinity,” said Pal Jonson, who chairs the defense committee in Sweden’s parliament.

Moscow’s 2014 annexation of Crimea and incursions into eastern Ukraine, in particular, have changed the “security environment” in the region, the lawmaker of the opposition, center-right Moderates added.

“We notice that Russia has a low threshold for the use of military force,” Mr. Jonson said. “We notice it has a rather aggressive exercise pattern in the Baltic Sea [and] a substantial increase in defense capabilities.”

The lawmaker’s lengthy list of concerns includes Russia’s long-range cruise missiles,

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STOP THE STEAL: REPUBLICANS STRIKE BACK

Frustrating and unnerving presidential election mysteries continue as the nation waits to see who emerges as the victor amid the fog of political war, biased media coverage and questionable voting procedures.

Conservatives and Republicans, however, have not wasted a moment responding in this fast escalating situation. **Matt Schlapp**, chairman of the American Conservative Union, has launched an all-out clarion call to those who support **President Trump** — along with anyone else concerned about the election's veracity. Among many other things, Mr. Schlapp has introduced the hashtag #StopTheSteal.

"If we don't fight, we will lose. It's that simple. We must hold election officials' feet to the fire, and we must do it now," he says in a new public outreach which immediately picked up speed and warranted censorship on Twitter, embellished with a notice that the content was "disputed and might be misleading about an election or other civic process."

Mr. Trump and some GOP lawmakers also have gotten such notices in the past 24 hours.

"Follow us closely on social media for specific instructions on what to do to keep it that way. Stick close," advises Mr. Schlapp, who journeyed to Nevada to further his point, accompanied by **Richard Grennell**, former acting director of national intelligence, and other GOP heavyweights.

"The presidency hangs in the balance. We want to ensure that the counting that occurs and the results can be respected by every American voter across this land, and truly across this world," Mr. Schlapp advised during an appearance Thursday in Las Vegas.

Mr. Schlapp insists that "every ballot is an acceptable, compliant ballot" — and that no voter can be disenfranchised.

"Not on our watch," he vows.

'FIGHT'

"Be of good cheer. It's not over yet," counsels **Melissa Mackenzie**, publisher of the American Spectator — even as the din of partisan dispute grows louder.

"If you're in one of the swing states, go to the marches being organized. Stage nightly vigils. Peaceful protests. Sit-ins. Send money to those states' GOP for the coming legal battles. Fight. For those of us spread to the winds, we can put out our American flags, donate money, and even more, festoon our homes with lights early and in a big way for Christmas. Biden promises darkness. We should be lights. So let's put up literal lights," Ms. Mackenzie says in an advisory.

IF A TREE FALLS

"If a won election is not reported, is it a won election?" asks **David Solway**, a columnist for PJ Media.



Supporters of President Trump demonstrate in Atlanta — hoping to "stop the steal" of the presidential election due to possible voter fraud.

"Everyone knows the old teaser: If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?" he writes.

"The analogy with the current electoral muddle is obvious. Everyone knows that **President Trump** has won the 2020 election. Everyone knows that electoral tampering has been massive and ubiquitous, and that a fair vote would have borne landslide numbers for the president," Mr. Solway continues, citing such factors ballot harvesting, mail-in voting and extended vote tallying after the polls closed.

"Everyone knows that the fix was in from the start," Mr. Solway says.

"The question remains: If Trump won the election but the fact is not reported, did he win the election? Did the tree fall? If the media have their way, no one will hear the tree and no one will hear the electoral outcome. A walk through the political forest would settle the issue, but who's walking? Perhaps a handful of responsible journalists and, hopefully, a plurality of conscientious voters. For the tree did indeed fall," the columnist advises.

MEANWHILE, ALONG THE BORDER

"Border Patrol agents apprehended about half as many migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in fiscal 2020 as they did the year

before, according to newly released federal data. The sharp drop in the number of apprehended migrants follows a virtual shutdown of the border and new restrictions in the way asylum cases are handled in response to the coronavirus outbreak," writes **Ana Gonzalez-Barrera**, a Pew Research Center analyst, citing new data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"There were 400,651 apprehensions in the 2020 fiscal year (October 2019-September 2020), a 53% decrease from the previous fiscal year," she says.

And some more numbers: Along the southwestern border between the U.S. and Mexico, agent encounters with families are down by 89%; encounters with unaccompanied children by 60% and with single adults by 5%.

On another topic altogether, let's have a round of applause for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which this week alone assisted in the seizure of \$249 million worth of cocaine hidden in banana pulp, in partnership with the Australian Border Force.

They also returned 9th-century Italian manuscripts and an ancient Roman coin to the nation of Italy. The federal agency maintains a Cultural Property, Art and Antiquities Investigations division which investigates crimes involving the illicit import and distribution of cultural property and art.

WEEKEND REAL ESTATE

For sale: Sandpoint Lake Island, private, two-acre, heavily wooded island located on a remote Minnesota lake on the Canadian border. Eight structures; features one main cabin and two guest cabins; sleeps 12. Electric kitchen and sauna plus hot tub, composting toilets, oversized dock. Priced at \$640,000 through PrivateIslandsOnline.com; enter Sandpoint in the search function. Listing includes an interesting video.

POLL DU JOUR

- 41% of registered U.S. voters say that if their favored presidential candidate does not win, "the country will never recover"; 42% of Republicans, 42% of independents and 42% of Democrats agree.
 - 37% overall say if their candidate loses, "the country will suffer for four years, then have a chance to change direction"; 35% of Republicans, 37% of independents and 40% of Democrats agree.
 - 8% overall say the country will stay the same because "it doesn't really matter who is president"; 11% of Republicans, 9% of independents and 4% of Democrats agree.
 - 13% are not sure what will happen; 12% of Republicans, 11% of independents and 14% of Democrats agree.
- SOURCE: A YAHOO NEWS POLL OF 1,500 REGISTERED U.S. VOTERS CONDUCTED OCT. 30-NOV. 1.
- *Helpful information to jharper@washingtontimes.com. Stay calm.*



SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook censors 'Stop the Steal' group

Facebook said Thursday it removed the group "Stop the Steal" organized by President Trump's supporters.

Women for America First co-founder Amy Kremer tweeted that the "Stop the Steal" group she created had amassed 350,000 followers in under 24 hours. The group's supporters have posted messages on social media calling on President Trump's supporters to rally in cities across the country to make their voices heard.

"The left is trying to steal an election and Social media is complicit," Ms. Kremer tweeted after Facebook took action against the group. "This is outrageous!"

Facebook told The Washington Times it decided to take the group down out of concern that the digital community could do real-world harm.

"We have removed the Group 'Stop the Steal,' which was creating real-world events," a Facebook statement said. "The group was organized around the delegitimization of the election process, and we saw worrying calls for violence from some members of the group."

— Ryan Lovelace

REPUBLICANS

Don Jr. blasts response by 2024 hopefuls

Donald Trump Jr. is not pleased with the response by "2024 GOP hopefuls" as his father fights for his political life.

The president's son did not call out specific Republicans by name but told Twitter followers that key individuals have essentially clammed up amid ongoing election chaos.

"The total lack of action from virtually all of the '2024 GOP hopefuls' is pretty amazing," he tweeted. "They have a perfect platform to show that they're willing & able to fight but they will cower to the media mob instead."

Mr. Trump's comments come as the commander in chief mounts legal challenges in key states still counting ballots. Social media giants have also used a heavy hand to discipline users — including the president — who question the behavior of ballot counters and election officials.

"Don't worry @realDonaldTrump will fight & they can watch as usual," he continued. "One notable exception seems to be Ron DeSantis right now. He has been active and vocal."

Readers tagged Republicans such as Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in an apparent attempt to provoke a reaction.

— Douglas Ernst



Trump campaign advisor Corey Lewandowski tweeted phone numbers and an email address for a Philadelphia elections official after she didn't allow immediate access to monitor ballot counting.

PENNSYLVANIA

Lewandowski posts personal information on Philadelphia elections official

Trump campaign adviser Corey Lewandowski tweeted out phone numbers and an email address for a Philadelphia elections official Thursday after she didn't allow the campaign immediate access to monitor ballot counting in compliance with a judge's order.

Mr. Lewandowski tweeting out two phone numbers and an email address for Michele Hangle, a private lawyer working for the city, after she told campaign officials that city officials were "evaluating" the court order.

"When they're ready to talk to you about it, they will," Ms. Hangle said on a video of the encounter.

In a tweet with Ms. Hangle's contact information, Mr. Lewandowski said, "Here in Philadelphia with Former Democratic Candidate for Judge Michelle Hangle who is paid for by city tax payer money while refusing to allow us to meaningfully observe a court order. Ask why?"

A Commonwealth Court judge ruled Thursday morning that President Trump's campaign representatives were to be granted access within six feet of vote-counting operations in the city.

Trump campaign officials are alleging fraud as the president's lead in Pennsylvania shrinks during the counting of mail-in ballots.

— Dave Boyerate

2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Trump team establishes fraud hotline

The Trump campaign launched an online voter-fraud complaint form Thursday and publicized a hotline as the president stepped up his accusations of illegalities in ballot counting.

The campaign tweeted a link to its "vote fraud issue report form" on its web site and reminded voters of its hotline, 888/630-1776, for people to report suspicious activity.

"We have been getting countless incoming calls from people all over the country reporting the fraud and the abuse," said campaign manager Bill Stepien. "The Democrats' lying, cheating and stealing is running rampant all over this country."

He didn't offer specifics but said, "every night, the president goes to bed with a lead a sizable lead in states across the country, [and] every night new votes are mysteriously found in a sack."

— Dave Boyer

DIPLOMACY

Russia laments election uncertainty

Skepticism in the U.S. election could have a negative impact on the global economy, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Thursday.

His comments come amid accusations that Russia has attempted to meddle in the ongoing U.S. election.

"Any uncertainty in the most powerful world economy in one of the largest countries has and could potentially have negative consequences for global affairs, first of all for [the] global economy," Mr. Peskov told reporters in Moscow.

"We will see how long this uncertainty period lasts and how strong this influence is," he added, according to Russia's TASS news agency.

Mr. Peskov stopped short of commenting on the uncertain election results, saying it is "impossible to make comments in the current situation."

— Lauren Toms

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

DOJ approves use of armed agents to probe fraud claims

By **JEFF MORDOCK**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Justice Department has approved the use of armed agents to investigate potential voter fraud at ballot-counting centers, skirting the long-standing ban on the use of armed federal officers at polling stations.

Justice Department officials told United States attorneys nationwide in a memo that the prohibition only applies to Election Day, not the days after.

The statute "does not prevent armed federal law enforcement persons from responding to, investigate or even prevent federal crimes at closed polling places or other locations where votes are being counted," Richard P. Donoghue wrote in an email sent around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The New York Times first reported the email Thursday.

Mr. Donoghue did not say whether Justice Department approval was needed for the deployment of agents but suggested that it should be aware if any action is taken.

"Should the need to send federal law enforcement officers to such locations arise, please make immediate notifications to the department," he wrote.

A Justice Department official told The Washington Times that memo was sent in anticipation of any disruption to the ballot counting. The official said the Justice Department wanted to make sure state and local officials knew the federal government was available to help.

The Justice Department has not dispatched federal agents anywhere, the official told The Times.

President Trump has vowed for months to use federal officers to combat what he says is widespread voter fraud. Earlier this year, he threatened to use law enforcement to patrol polling sites on Election Day.

"We're going to have everything," Mr. Trump said in an interview on Fox News. "We're going to have sheriffs, and we're going to have law enforcement, and we're going to hopefully have U.S. attorneys and we're going to have everybody, and attorney generals. But it's very hard."

The possible use of armed federal agents will likely rile Democrats, concerned that the Justice Department is using heavy-handed tactics to fan the flames in an already tense election. Some states have not finished counting votes amid razor-thin margins between Mr. Trump and Democratic nominee Joseph R. Biden.

Earlier this year, Democrats and liberal groups blasted Mr. Trump and Attorney General William Barr for authorizing federal agents to clear Lafayette Square Park near the White House amid this summer's racial justice protests.

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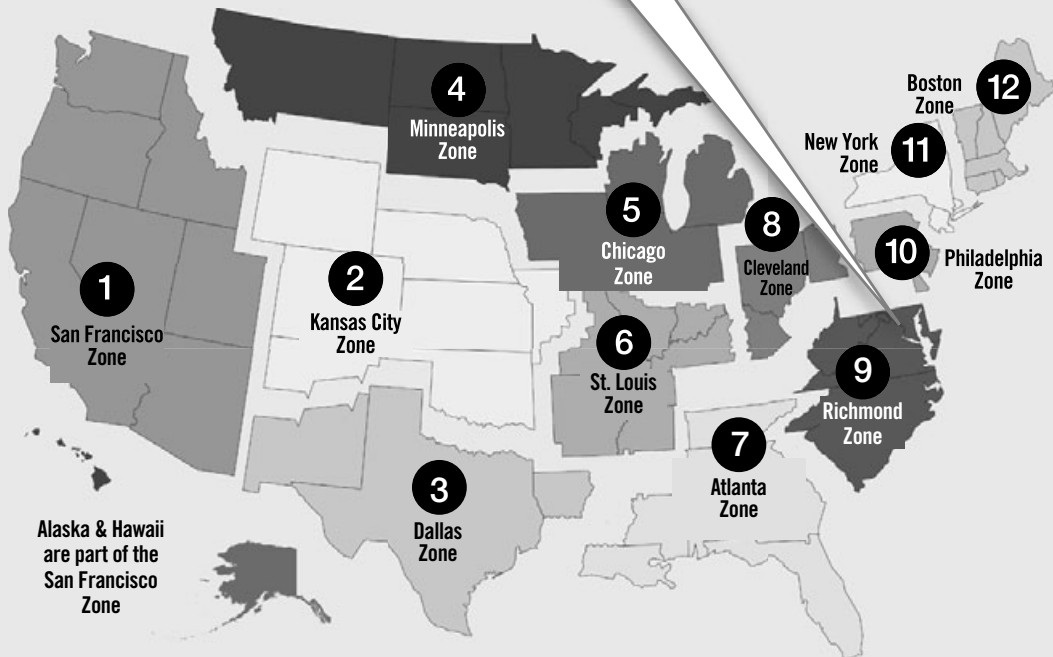
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Politics

“They’re taking down the president of the United States. I knew this moment was going to come. When some punk like Jack Dorsey is going to take down and suppress the free speech of the commander in chief.”

— Steve Bannon, former adviser to President Trump, calling for the arrest of Twitter’s CEO

CAMPAIGN 2020

Trump campaign cries foul, files suits over vote counting

Legal scholars say effort premature, will face uphill battle in court

By ALEX SWOYER
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Trump’s campaign is going to war in the courts to defend his path to 270 electoral votes.

“We are on the ground fighting this battle every single day,” said Bill Stepien, the president’s campaign manager. “If we count all legally cast ballots, the president will win.”

Legal scholars say Mr. Trump’s lawsuits face an uphill battle and are a bit premature. The challenges will only matter if they can show enough illegalities to change the final results.

Trump campaign officials in Nevada claimed they had proof that about 10,000 nonresidents illegally cast ballots and that ballots had been submitted under the names of dead people.

“It is unacceptable in this country to have illegal votes counted and that is what is happening in the state of Nevada,” said Richard Grenell, the president’s

former acting director of National Intelligence.

Nevada officials have defended the integrity of the state’s vote-counting.

Joe Gloria, registrar of voters for Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, said he was “not aware of any improper ballots that are being processed.”

In Georgia, Mr. Trump’s campaign filed a lawsuit saying late absentee ballots were illegally being placed alongside on-time ballots instead of being set aside, as required by state law.

A superior court judge in Chatham County, which includes the heavily Democratic city of Savannah, dismissed the lawsuit Thursday.

The Trump campaign also cried foul that its designated election observers in Nevada and Pennsylvania were barred from the ballot count, contrary to state law. In Nevada, his campaign reached an agreement, retracting a legal petition, to have access to

observe ballots with Clark County officials.

Filing court challenges over nonsupervision in various states and counties could place the president’s lawyers in a position to legally challenge ballots.

They made a legal claim in Michigan about being locked out of observing tabulations, but a judge bucked that complaint Thursday.

Mr. Trump has been leading in Pennsylvania, a must-win state, since polls closed on Election Day. His margin has been dwindling, though, as more mail-in ballots are tabulated, most notably from the Philadelphia area.

It’s in that Democratic stronghold that the president’s legal team is claiming officials have prevented them from supervising counting. The Trump team went to court to get an order allowing their observers to stand within 6 feet to watch the count. Philadelphia Democrats appealed the order, requesting the Trump officials not observe the

calculations.

“Why on earth would you care if people watch what you are doing unless you are doing something wrong?” said Justin Clark, a Trump campaign lawyer. “This tells the whole story.”

The president has volunteers and lawyers on the ground to spot fraud and irregularities in statistical data.

Irregularities spotted so far include areas such as Philadelphia delivering batches of ballots with zero votes for Mr. Trump and some areas reporting 200% more votes than registered voters, according to the campaign.

A lawsuit challenging the Pennsylvania election rules also hangs in the balance at the Supreme Court, where the Trump campaign joined a dispute challenging the state’s three-day extension for accepting mail-in ballots.

Pennsylvania Republicans filed the case against the state’s Democratic Party and secretary of state, saying they violated the law by

extending the time for counting mail-in ballots to Nov. 6 at 5 p.m., despite the state Legislature setting the deadline for Election Day.

The lawsuit takes issue with smeared or illegible postmarked ballots being presumed to have been mailed before Nov. 3.

Mr. Trump filed a motion Wednesday to get involved in the suit, alleging Pennsylvania could decide the presidential election and the high court should settle the conflict over the ballot extension.

The justices ordered the state’s Democratic Party and state officials to respond to that request by the end of the day Thursday. The justices could discuss the request during their Friday conference, but it is doubtful the court will take the case before a winner is called in the state.

“Legally, you have the best case in Pennsylvania,” said Curt Levey, the president of the conservative Committee for Justice.

The legal conflict over the ballot deadline is returning to the Supreme Court after the justices refused to get involved in the

matter last week. Newly minted Justice Amy Coney Barrett did not participate in the high court’s denial of the Republican Party’s emergency request for the justices to immediately hear the case.

The justices had split 4-4 on the issue, leaving the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling in place and allowing votes to be counted beyond Nov. 3.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., a Bush appointee, sided with the three Democratic-appointed justices to leave the extension intact.

Late-arriving ballots have been separated in the event the high court gets involved and rules against the state officials. Those votes then could be discounted.

Josh Blackman, a professor at South Texas College of Law, does not expect the Supreme Court to get involved just yet in the Pennsylvania dispute. He also voiced skepticism about the campaign’s ability to prove the other various claims of irregularities and voter fraud.

“We have to wait and see if they have the goods,” he said.



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Sen. David Perdue, Georgia Republican, will go into a runoff race against his Democratic opponent Jon Ossoff in for the coveted seat.

SENATE

Outlook of balance in Senate hazy, but GOP appears to hold 48 seats

By STEPHEN DINAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The GOP challenger in Michigan’s Senate race demanded an investigation into the vote in that state, while in Georgia the Democratic challenger made up enough ground to force a January runoff with incumbent Republican Sen. David Perdue.

Days after the election, control of the Senate remains unclear, with races still uncalled in Alaska and North Carolina, a disputed result in Arizona, and now new questions in Michigan, where GOP challenger John James watched his election-night lead evaporate, and now trails incumbent Democratic Sen. Gary Peters by about 1.5 percentage points out of about 5.5 million votes.

“While Senator Peters is currently ahead, I have deep concerns that millions of Michiganders may have been disenfranchised by a dishonest few who cheat,” Mr. James said in a statement. “When this process is complete, I will of course accept the results and the will of the people, but at this time there is enough credible evidence to warrant an investigation to ensure that elections were conducted in a transparent, legal and fair manner.”

His statement did not say what evidence he was talking about.

Mr. Peters mocked the suggestion. “It’s sad and it’s pathetic. They lost, it’s very clear,” the Democrat said.

As it stands, Republicans appear to have 48 seats. GOP candidates are also leading in Alaska and North Carolina, where vote-counting is moving slowly.

Republicans are also holding out hope that Sen. Martha McSally can close the gap as Arizona continues its counting, though some news organizations have projected Democrat Mark Kelly as the winner.

Whatever happens elsewhere, the final



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makeup of the Senate won’t be known until January, when the two Georgia races are settled.

One will pit Mr. Perdue against Jon Ossoff, who managed to hold the Republican incumbent to less than 50% of the vote on Tuesday. Under Georgia’s rules, if nobody crosses that threshold it means a run-off of the top two candidates.

Republicans expressed confidence. “David Perdue won this race in regular time and will do the same in overtime,” said Kevin McLaughlin, executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

As of Thursday evening Mr. Perdue had 49.95% of the vote, while Mr. Ossoff had 47.74%.

Ben Fry, the Perdue campaign manager, said Mr. Perdue will end up with more votes than Mr. Ossoff, even if the senator drops below the 50% mark. That, the campaign said, leaves Mr. Perdue in solid shape for a runoff.

“It is clear that more Georgians believe that David Perdue’s positive vision for the future direction of our country is better than Chuck Schumer’s radical, socialist agenda,” said Ben Fry, the Perdue campaign manager. “There’s only one candidate in

this race who has ever lost a runoff, and it isn’t David Perdue.”

That was a reference to Mr. Ossoff’s 2017 run for a House seat, where he failed to crack the 50% mark on Election Day, then lost a runoff.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee countered that Mr. Perdue is “scandal-plagued,” and said the tight presidential race shows that Georgia is now a swing state.

“We’re ready to help Jon flip this seat,” said Scott Fairchild, executive director of the DSCC.

Georgia’s other runoff has Sen. Kelly Loeffler facing off against Democrat Raphael Warnock. Mr. Warnock won the most votes on Election Day, but the GOP vote was split between two candidates. Republicans argue in a head-to-head matchup Ms. Loeffler will easily prevail.

In Arizona, Ms. McSally trailed by more than 4 points behind Mr. Kelly, though more than 10% of the vote was still outstanding as of Thursday afternoon.

North Carolina Sen. Thom Tillis leads Democratic challenger Cal Cunningham by nearly 2 points, or about 100,000 votes out of about 5.5 million.

In Alaska, a state where Republicans have only lost one. Senate election since 1980, Sen. Dan Sullivan held a massive 62%-32% lead over Al Gross, an independent who was backed by Democrats.

The Gross campaign manager, David Keith, insisted the race was still “in a state of flux.”

“Sullivan is benefitting from an early lead, but with approximately 44.6% of the ballots not yet counted, his lead can — and we believe will — be overcome once every vote has been counted in the state,” Mr. Keith said.

Alaska won’t start counting early-vote or mail-in ballots until next week.

CAMPAIGN 2020

Republican women post major victories in House, Senate

Numbers close in on record high

By VALERIE RICHARDSON
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Republican women were among the biggest winners of Tuesday’s balloting, breaking a record for House non-incumbent victories and closing in on the record high for the chamber.

The 11 Republican women seeking another House term were all reelected, and another dozen candidates were elected for the first time. Eleven additional House races featuring GOP women had yet to be called, according to the Center for American Women in Politics.

The center said that “Republican women have already set a new record for non-incumbent House winners, with 12 women elected in 2020 so far, surpassing the previous record of nine, set in 2010.”

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said he expected the number of Republican women to break the previous record, which was 25 in the 2004 election, telling Politico it was “the night of Republican women.”

“The Republican Party is about to have more GOP women in Congress than in the entire history of the United States,” Mr. McCarthy tweeted.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, called it “a resounding victory for pro-life women everywhere.” Most Republican women running for Congress are pro-life.

“The surge of victorious pro-life women candidates in the U.S. House is a stunning blow to Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion agenda,” Ms. Dannenfelser said. “So far, we have more than doubled the number of pro-life women in the House, with more races to be called. Seven pro-life women candidates flipped pro-abortion Democrat-held seats.”

In the Senate, former Republican Rep. Cynthia Lummis won the Wyoming Senate race to succeed retiring Sen. Mike Enzi, while Sen. Martha McSally, Arizona Republican, to Democrat Mark Kelly.

That will keep the number of GOP women in the Senate at eight after Tuesday reelection victories for Republican Sens. Joni Ernst of Iowa, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, and Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi.

Sen. Kelly Loeffler, Georgia

Republican, finished in the top two in Tuesday’s Senate primary and faces a Jan. 5 runoff election against Democrat Raphael Warnock.

“We are ‘all in’ for Sen. Kelly Loeffler’s runoff race in January and confident she will prevail,” said Ms. Dannenfelser in a statement.

She said seven of the newly elected pro-life women flipped Democratic seats, including Republican Maria Salazar of Florida, who defeated Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala after losing to her in 2018.

The other 12 newbie House Republican candidates winning their races were Yvette Herrell of New Mexico; Michelle Fischbach of Minnesota; Nancy Mace of South Carolina; Stephanie Bice of Oklahoma; Ashley Hinson of Iowa; Lauren Boebert of Colorado; Lisa McClain of Michigan; Kat Cammack of Florida; Diana Harshbarger of Tennessee; Mary Miller of Illinois; and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia.

Another candidate, New York Republican Nicole Malliotakis, led Democratic Rep. Max Rose by 58% to 42%, according to The Associated Press.

In still-undecided House races, six of the eight Republican women led their contests with all or most of the vote counted.

They included Claudia Tenney, who lost her New York congressional seat in the 2018 Democratic wave but led Democratic Rep. Anthony Brindisi by 55% to 43% with 100% of the vote counted, pending the counting of absentee ballots.

The Center for American Women in Politics said 36 were in the House freshman class in 2019, which was a record. Only one was a Republican.

“With 22 House wins so far, Republican women are poised to recover the ground they lost in 2018 and could break their record of 25 House members, set in 2006, if four more Republican women win their races,” said the center.

CAWP director Debbie Walsh said that “Successes like these don’t just happen.”

“They require the dedicated attention of parties, donors, activists, and voters, as is particularly evident from the expanded number of Republican women candidates this year. It takes hard work. And the work continues,” she said.

CAMPAIGN 2020

Democrats unable to deliver wins despite financial advantage

By VALERIE RICHARDSON
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Democrats’ enormous cash advantage in the 2020 elections failed to translate into equally massive House and Senate wins as the financially outgunned Republicans delivered more bang for their political buck. Republican House and Senate candidates outperformed expectations despite a significant fundraising deficit, spending \$3.8 billion versus \$6.9 billion for the Democrats, according to an Oct. 28analysisby the Center for Responsive Politics.

House Republicans picked up at least six seats — with more expected as uncalled races are decided — while Senate Republicans were poised to retain their majority as most incumbents hung onto their seats in the face of a fierce Democratic financial headwind.

“It is amazing that with the leadership of almost every major institution in America arrayed against conservatives that Republicans were basically able to battle establishment Democrats to a tie,” said Richard Viguerie, political direct-mail pioneer and founder of ConservativeHQ, on a call with reporters.

“The massive establishment forces against the president and the GOP including entertainment, Hollywood, the mainstream media, Big Tech billionaires and their companies, academia and unions,” Mr. Viguerie said. “Liberals raised at least 500% more money from 500% more donors in the last two years than conservatives and Republicans did.”

Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden, who was ahead of President Trump on Thursday in the electoral vote count, also outraised the Trump campaign on his way to becoming the second \$1 billion candidate in history, after Michael R. Bloomberg, who spent 10 figures in the 2020 Democratic primary.

The Democrats’ fundraising supremacy, fueled by megadonors such as Mr. Bloomberg, Tom Steyer and George Soros as well as Hollywood, Silicon Valley and Wall Street giving, is starting to look more like a feature of political campaigns than a blip.

“Driven by their supporters’ strong opposition to Trump, Democrats are continuing their fundraising prowess that helped them dominate the money race in the 2018 election cycle,” said the Center for Responsive Politics. “Their money machine is more powerful than ever in 2020.”

There were several explanations in play as to why Democratic money failed to produce equally big wins.

For one, Democrats threw hundreds of millions of dollars into long-shot Senate races in red states against entrenched incumbents, including Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham in South Carolina and Mitch McConnell in Kentucky.

“Increasingly, when Dem donors see a shiny object in a red/purple state, they flood the zone w/ out-of-state \$\$ And in combing through Tuesday’s down-ballot wreckage, it’s not clear that \$\$ did more good than harm,” tweeted David Wasserman, House

editor of the Cook Political Report.

A record \$8.15 billion was spent on 2020 campaign advertising, with \$4.6 billion for Democratic candidates, parties and political-action committees versus \$2.6 billion for Republicans. Another \$907 million was spent by independents, according to Advertising Analytics.

That spending had Democrats predicting another blue wave that would result in additional House seats and a Senate takeover, but as of Thursday, it appeared that Republicans had locked up at least 48 seats and would keep their majority.

In addition, Republicans led in the uncalled races in Alaska and North Carolina. Runoff elections for the two Georgia Senate seats will be held Jan. 5.

The meager Democratic showing came in spite of some lopsided spending. In North Carolina, Democratic Senate challenger Cal Cunningham raised \$47 million as of Oct. 14 versus \$21 million for Republican Sen. Thom Tillis, according to the center.

In Iowa, Democrat Theresa Greenfield raised \$47 million to GOP Sen. Joni Ernst’s \$23.5 million. In Kentucky, Mr. McConnell raised \$55.5 million to Democrat Amy McGrath’s \$88 million.

It wasn’t enough. Mr. McConnell coasted to victory by a margin of 58% to 38%, while Ms. Ernst won by 52% to 45%. The North Carolina race has not been called, but Mr. Tillis holds a 48.7% to 46.9% lead with 94% of the vote counted.

In South Carolina, Mr. Graham won by 10 percentage points despite being heavily outraised by Democratic challenger Jaime Harrison, who amassed a mind-boggling \$107.6 million versus \$72.7 million for Mr. Graham.

“There is a law of diminishing returns based on a couple of things,” said Floyd Ciruli, director of the Crossley Center for Public Opinion Research at the University of Denver. “One is that the number of voters who are actually persuadable toward the end gets smaller and smaller, so you’re spending this immense amount of money on television or digital advertising for just a tiny electorate.”

In addition, there are only so many places to spend that cash, given that television and radio advertising space is finite.

“In some states, you can’t buy that much television,” Mr. Ciruli said. “I mean, what do you do with \$100 million in South Carolina? You could buy the station.”

Democratic fundraising soared after the Sept. 18 death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a relatively late infusion of cash that encouraged advertising to the point of overkill.

“The other thing that happens is that the public simply gets not only immune to it, they get disgusted,” Mr. Ciruli said. “At a certain point the nonstop advertising becomes too much, and that was a frequent comment the last week or so in South Carolina.”

Conservatives offered another explanation: They had the better message.

HISPANIC

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deeper explanations.

Among that latter group, conclusion No. 1 was that politicians and the press bungled by seeing Hispanics as a monolith.

“The reason the ‘Latino vote’ befuddles is because it doesn’t exist, nor do ‘Latino issues,’” Isvett Verde, an opinion editor at The New York Times, wrote in an election postmortem.

Mr. Trump’s team was quick to home in on that and made specific pitches to different segments. Cuban Americans were reminded of the administration’s get-tough stance on the island nation’s dictatorial government. Venezuelan Americans were told the socialism ravaging their country could reach the U.S. under Democratic nominee Joseph R. Biden.

“He made inroads with a very good campaign that really targeted different groups within the Hispanic community,” said Alfonso Aguilar, a Bush administration official who now runs the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles. “He understood it’s not monolithic and went to each group — Cubans, Venezuelans, Mexicans — with a specific message that resonated with them.”

Mr. Aguilar also said the support showed that the president’s immigration message wasn’t the killer Democrats had predicted.

“They tried to portray the president as a monster, and what [Hispanics] saw was the president actually tried to get something done on DACA, and the Democrats didn’t budge,” he said in reference to the president’s 2018 offer of a pathway to citizenship for some Dreamers in exchange for border wall funding.

Mr. Trump did better than 2012 Republican nominee Mitt Romney, who had the stiffest immigration policy of any major-party nominee before Mr. Trump, and better than 2008 nominee John McCain, whose record on immigration was among the most lenient.

Even Democrats’ reminders of Mr. Trump’s harsh words, such as calling Mexican migrants “rapists” or using a derogatory term to refer to some Central American nations, didn’t poison the electorate.

“This kind of support shows many Hispanics across the spectrum were able to separate the rhetoric from the policies,” Mr. Aguilar said.

Florida vs. the country

Mr. Trump’s victory in Florida, where the AP/Fox survey showed he won 45% of the Hispanic vote, has spurred much of the conversation.

But Hispanic activists said the bigger story should be the vote in places like Nevada and Arizona, where Mr. Trump was trailing Mr. Biden as the votes were being tabulated. Polling shows Hispanics there were overwhelmingly supportive of Mr. Biden.

“Yes, there was a decline in Latino support in Miami-Dade County, but Miami-Dade County is 3.1% of the national Latino population, and I look forward to receiving a press call about the other 97%,” tweeted Gary Segura, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and one of the founders

of the polling firm Latino Decisions.

Chuck Rocha, founder of Nuestro Political Action Committee, which focused on turning out Hispanic voters for Mr. Biden, said Democrats’ wins in close states came “on the back of Latino votes.”

But he said Democratic interest groups left winnable votes on the table by not investing more in the community.

“These folks spent a billion dollars talking to White people because it’s smart politics,” Mr. Rocha said. “Then why don’t you do that with Latinos?”

Attempts to reach Hispanic voters have grown more sophisticated over the years.

Two decades ago, campaigns took English-language ads, translated them and ran them on Spanish-language stations. This year, Nuestro PAC cut ads specifically targeted to young Hispanic supporters of Sen. Bernard Sanders, with digital ads telling them about Mr. Biden’s plans for climate change and the cost of college.

How high?

Hispanic community leaders did cheer the overall level of turnout.

The news media consortium’s exit polling said Hispanics represented 13% of the vote, up from about 11% in 2016 and 10% in 2012.

“While there are still many ballots to be counted in the presidential election and races across the country, no matter their results, we know that the Latinos turned out to vote in record numbers in 2020,” said Arturo Vargas, CEO of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

But even that was tough to pin down.

The Associated Press/Fox election survey showed just 9% of the voters it polled were Hispanic.

Some Hispanic rights groups have questioned the accuracy of exit polls when it comes to counting the community.

In 2004, they challenged exit polling showing President George W. Bush winning 44% of the vote. Other academic work put the number at 40% or so.

In 2016, a debate erupted after polls showed Mr. Trump at 28%, better than Mr. Romney’s 27%, despite his rhetoric and policies.

The same questions raged this year.

Latino Decisions, which specializes in Hispanic polling for liberal-leaning groups, said its election eve surveys showed Mr. Trump winning 27% of the Hispanic vote nationally and 38% in Florida — significantly lower than other polling.

Latino Decisions’ findings did back up the conclusion that the Hispanic vote is not monolithic.

Nationally, Mr. Trump won 52% of the Cuban American vote but just 23% of Mexican American voters in their surveys. He won 29% from voters with Central American heritage and 40% from those with roots in South America.

For Republicans, the question is whether Mr. Trump’s success is transferable to other party candidates.

Mr. Aguilar said it is: “A candidate who has an optimistic view, is affable, but still strong — can’t be a weak leader but still has the same views — I think Hispanics would respond very well to that.”

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ELECTION

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incoming calls from people all over the country reporting the fraud and the abuse,” said Trump campaign manager Bill Stepien. “The Democrats’ lying, cheating and stealing is running rampant all over this country.”

Biden campaign manager Jen O’Malley Dillon said the Trump team was grasping at straws because they know the math is not in their favor.

She said the Trump team’s “meritless” legal challenges in various states are meant to “delay what is now inevitable: Joe Biden will be the next president of the United States.”

Some Republicans also rebuked Mr. Trump for his remarks at the White House.

“There is no defense for the President’s comments tonight undermining our Democratic process,” Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said in a post on Twitter. “America is counting the votes, and we must respect the results as we always have before. No election or person is more important than our Democracy.”

In Georgia, Mr. Trump led Mr. Biden by a 49.4% to 49.3% margin, or less than 2,500 votes, with about 99% of the expected votes reported.

Mr. Biden cut into the president’s margin there as more votes from the solidly Democratic Atlanta area were tabulated.

In Pennsylvania, Mr. Trump was leading by about a 49.7% to 49.0% margin, or fewer than 50,000 votes, with 94% of the estimated votes in.

The president was leading by about 600,000 votes on election night, but Mr. Biden gained ground as more votes from the Democratic-leaning Philadelphia area were counted.

Officials in Arizona continued to tabulate ballots in populous Maricopa County and elsewhere, though a final count wasn’t expected until at least Friday. Mr. Biden held a 50.1% to 48.5% lead, a margin of



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Democratic presidential candidate Joseph R. Biden and vice presidential candidate Kamala D. Harris tried to reassure voters.

about 46,000 votes, with about 90% of the estimated votes reported.

The AP and Fox News projected Mr. Biden as the winner, but Team Trump said the president was on track to overtake Mr. Biden.

Trump campaign officials and others in the president’s orbit were increasingly venting their fury at Fox News on Thursday for calling Arizona for Mr. Biden on election night. They have said the state was obviously too close to call.

In Nevada, Mr. Biden held a 49.4% to 48.5% lead, a margin of about 11,400 votes, with an estimated 89% of the total vote in, gaining a bit of ground from his overnight lead of about 7,600 votes.

Joe Gloria, the Clark County registrar of voters, said he anticipated having “the bulk” of the mail ballots they have received into the system by Saturday or Sunday.

The Nevada Legislature enacted a

law this year to send a mail ballot to all active registered voters in the state. Ballots received by Nov. 10 will be counted as long as they are postmarked by Nov. 3.

Ms. O’Malley Dillon of the Biden campaign said the margins in Arizona and Nevada could well bounce around depending on the order in which the remaining votes are announced but that Mr. Biden would win both states.

“We are absolutely confident Joe Biden will be the next president of the United States,” Ms. O’Malley Dillon said.

Mr. Trump held a 50% to 48.6% lead in North Carolina, a margin of about 77,000 votes, with 95% of the estimated total reported.

Officials there indicated that the final tabulations might not be finished until Nov. 12 or Nov. 13. Mail-in ballots are accepted in North Carolina until Nov. 12 as long as they are postmarked by Nov. 3. The president’s team expressed

absolute confidence as they took new legal action, or threatened to do the same, in Nevada and Pennsylvania.

“We believe President Trump will win the race,” Trump campaign senior adviser Jason Miller said. “Soon it will be clear to the American public that President Trump and Vice President [Mike] Pence will serve another four years in the White House.”

The Trump campaign threatened legal action in Nevada on Wednesday, accusing the state of counting the votes of nonresidents, which is illegal.

The lawsuit added to a flurry of court challenges the Trump campaign launched in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Michigan.

They also vowed to pursue a recount in Wisconsin, where Mr. Biden was declared the victor Wednesday and where he held a 49.4% to 48.8% lead, a margin of about 20,500 votes, according

DIVIDE

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discourse in America.

But the country has been growing increasingly polarized for the past two decades and reached record levels of partisan division during Barack Obama’s presidency, according to data collected by the Pew Research Center.

Mr. Obama played a part. In an infamous exchange with then-House Minority Whip Eric Cantor, Mr. Obama told the Republican in 2009, “Elections have consequences, and Eric, I won.”

Then-Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell also contributed to the partisan tenor by acknowledging that a chief goal was to make Mr. Obama a “one-term” president.

While all the votes haven’t been counted yet, the turnout broke records with more than 141 million ballots cast.

Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump are separated by just 3.8 million votes, or 2.7%, with tens of millions of Americans on opposing sides.

Speaking on Fox News this week, Robert P. George, a professor at Princeton University, said the nation is bitterly divided along moral and ideological lines and that the parties are transforming.

“We are divided ideologically, we are divided between the religious and the secular, we are divided along lines of class, and of course we also have divisions along lines of race,” Mr. George said.

Mr. George said the Republican Party



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Supporters of Joseph R. Biden argued with supporters of President Trump in Detroit on Thursday, an example of the deep partisan divide in America that the 2020 election won’t heal. The country has been growing increasingly polarized for two decades.

appears to be morphing into the party of working-class voters while Democrats have moved away from those votes and become “the party of the professional classes and of the new super-rich — especially in the tech sector.”

New America’s Lee Drutman, author of the book “Two Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America,” recently wrote in the libertarian Cato Institute’s Cato Policy Report that the polarization is threatening the rule of law and adherence to constitutional norms.

“When ‘winning’ becomes everything,

and winning means dehumanizing the other side for short-term gain, it legitimates increasingly extreme behavior on both sides,” Mr. Drutman said.

“I call this problem the ‘two-party doom loop,’” he said. “The idea is similar to an arms race, or any self-reinforcing feedback loop of escalation. More aggressive actions on one side justify more aggressive actions on the other side.”

Mr. Biden, who served as vice president in the Obama White House, is vowing to lower the partisan temperature and bring America together.

“Once this election is finalized and

behind us, it will be time for us to do as we’ve always done as Americans: put the harsh rhetoric of the campaign behind us, to lower the temperature, to see each other again, to listen to one another, to hear each other again and respect and care for one another, to unite, to heal, to come together as a nation,” Mr. Biden said this week. “To make progress, we have to stop treating our opponents as enemies. We are not enemies.

“Let me be clear. We are campaigning as Democrats, but I will govern as an American president.”

That could be easier said than done, particularly given that many Trump backers are echoing the president’s charge that Mr. Biden and other Democrats are trying to steal the election.

They say Democrats are driving the division and inflaming the rancor in the country by playing politics with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Democrats spent seven months scaring the heck out of people and their voter base,” said John Fredericks, Mr. Trump’s Virginia campaign chairman. “Now you have the chaos they wanted to ensure they could manufacture the votes they ended to get the orange man out.”

Democrats hoped the anti-Trump sentiment would carry Mr. Biden into The White House, fuel a takeover of the Senate and bolster their House majority.

Instead, Democrats lost seats in the House and Republicans are clinging to control of the upper chamber.

Mr. Fredericks said the election laid bare the differences between the major parties.

to unofficial tallies.

A Georgia judge on Thursday threw out the Trump campaign’s challenge that about 50 late absentee ballots might have been improperly mixed with other ballots.

A judge in Michigan tossed aside a complaint that the Trump campaign was not being given sufficient access to witness the vote count.

A Pennsylvania court did rule in favor of the Trump campaign by granting poll observers more access to observe the vote count.

The Trump campaign went to federal court to try to force Philadelphia Democrats to comply with the state ruling.

The president’s sons Donald Jr. and Eric expressed their anger at Republican elected officials for abandoning their father in his fight. They said only Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri have stepped up publicly.

Disgraced former Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale tweeted Thursday night, “If you want to win in 2024 as a Republican. I would probably start saying something. Just saying.”

With the entire world casting its gaze on a handful of U.S. states, election officials said their workers were doing a commendable job under high pressure and trying circumstances.

“Like many of y’all during this election cycle, they are tired. Sometimes they’re going to forget to press the upload button,” said Gabriel Sterling, voting system implementation manager for Georgia. “Fast is great. We appreciate fast. We more appreciate accuracy.”

Mr. Gloria said workers were adjusting to new rules on mail-in ballots as best they could.

“I think it’s important for the entire country to understand that mail ballots on this scale are very new to the state of Nevada,” he said. “We made a decision here to provide as much access as we could as a result of the pandemic, and so our process has run a little bit slower.”

● *Alex Swoyer contributed to this report.*

“Our policies bring people together, and their policies divide people,” he said. “They are all about grievance and victimhood. That drives them.”

Mrs. Turner had a different take.

“I think we learned that the unfinished business of this nation is still unfinished — that the stain of White supremacy, anti-Blackness and the other isms that are intersected with that level of hatred is real,” she said. “We have been living in a fantasy. It was all an illusion before Donald J. Trump came along.

“There is an anxiety here that is linked both to race and to class that if it is not dealt with it pits one group against the other, and what President Trump was able to do is he tapped into the racial anxiety on the White working-class side and just lit a torch to that.”

Charlie Gerow, a member of the American Conservative Union, said the election proved that the nation is “nowhere near going down the socialist path that some hoped.”

“America is never going to be a socialist country,” Mr. Gerow said. “We just may sadly edge closer to it.”

Mr. Gerow said the nation’s education system is part of the problem.

“The education process has unfortunately convinced a lot of people that the country needs to be fundamentally restructured,” he said.

Despite those concerns, Mr. Gerow said, he finds comfort in a political adage: “If you’re not a liberal when you’re 25, you have no heart. If you’re not a conservative by the time you’re 35, you have no brain.”

SUPPORT

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Election Poll found that Mr. Trump thumped his Democratic rival with 76% to 78% of white, born-again Christians casting ballots for the president this year.

But this strong lean would mark a slight decline from the totals in 2016, when an estimated 81% of these voters threw support to Mr. Trump and proved critical to his upset win.

Mr. Trump’s deeply loyal evangelical base has always proved something of a conundrum — a brash, thrice-married New York City billionaire developer and reality TV star tied to a largely non-urban, non-coastal voting bloc that puts a strong premium on personal character. But Mr. Trump delivered again and again for evangelical Christians with his strong pro-life stance, Supreme Court nominees, focus on religious freedom and strong backing for Israel.

With small margins in a few swing states likely to decide the election, some of Mr. Trump’s opponents say the small erosion in evangelical support after 2016 could have played a critical role in the result.

“The counties that moved most in Michigan are counties that are predominantly evangelical,” said Doug Pagitt, executive director of Vote Common Good, a Christian group opposed to Mr.

Trump’s reelection.

Mr. Pagitt, a pastor in Minneapolis, told The Washington Times on Thursday that his organization campaigned heavily in and around Grand Rapids, a region he described as “the Silicon Valley of the evangelical sub-culture,” given the prevalence of Christian colleges and publishers.

His group paid for billboards in Kent County highlighting biblical phrases such as “Turn the other cheek” with a silhouette of Jesus, against phrases from Mr. Trump such as “I’d like to punch him in the face,” which candidate Trump said about a protester at a 2016 Las Vegas rally.

Mr. Trump won Michigan’s Kent County with over 48% of the vote in 2016, but his support dropped to 46% this year, according to results on the county’s website. Mr. Biden appears to have gained over 52% of ballots cast, so far.

Mr. Pagitt doesn’t attribute every shift in votes to religious beliefs or reactions to Mr. Trump’s behavior while in office, but he noted that the region voted to send Republican Peter Meijer to Congress to replace the seat vacated by conservative Rep. Justin Amash.

“These people voted for [Mr. Meijer] as a Republican but didn’t vote for Donald Trump,” Mr. Pagitt said.

Sinking the blue wave

Data from exit polling, especially on evangelicals, is far from conclusive. An

exit poll by the Faith & Freedom Coalition, a social conservative group, found “self-identified evangelicals” voted at 81% — the same as 2016 — for Mr. Trump.

They note that, aside from the White House race, Republicans did far better than the polls had forecast by holding off a “blue wave” and securing millions of more votes for the Trump-Pence ticket than four years ago.

“Our ground game worked. Republicans cannot win without these voters, and Democrats continue to suffer for failing to appeal in a substantive way to these voters of faith,” Tim Head, executive director of the Faith & Freedom Coalition, said in a statement.

In Florida, where Mr. Trump shocked pundits by handily defeating Mr. Biden despite polls showing him consistently trailing, leaders in the Hispanic evangelical Christian community said their turnout for the president could make the bloc one of the country’s new sought-after swing demographics — and one Republicans can target in other states.

The Hispanic vote for Mr. Trump jumped nationally by 3 percentage points and even more in Florida and Texas, according to some exit polls.

The Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, said in an interview Thursday that he hopes to replicate Mr. Trump’s strong performance

in deep-blue California, with the aim of flipping Democratic-held congressional seats in 2022.

“For the first time in American history,” said Mr. Rodriguez, “White and Latino evangelicals are now marching in lockstep as it pertains to an agenda that is 100% pro-life, [supportive of] religious liberty and now with an additional item ... fighting socialism as a Christian, biblically-sustained agenda.”

Christian conservatives also point to a swing in the House of Representatives, where at least 13 pro-life women won seats. They included Republicans Ashley Hinson in northeastern Iowa and Michelle Fischbach in western Minnesota, who unseated conservative 15-term Democrat Collin Peterson, a reliably pro-life vote.

“The surge of victorious pro-life women candidates in the U.S. House is a stunning blow to Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion agenda,” Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, said Tuesday evening.

But the presidential election, along with counting still underway Thursday in tight races in several battleground states, could end up being a sore spot for conservative evangelicals who fought to give their president another four years.

Since exit polling started tracking the evangelical vote in 2004, never has

the group supported a single candidate like they have Mr. Trump. But coming into 2020, a full three years into his presidency, Mr. Trump’s support within white evangelicals began to show small fissures, if not cracks.

During the impeachment battle in December, Mark Galli, the outgoing editor of Christianity Today, wrote in an editorial that the president should be removed from office. He cited what he called the president’s “grossly immoral character.”

The editorial sparked a sharp and at times divisive debate within the evangelical community.

During the pandemic, while Mr. Trump showed support for churches filing lawsuits against Democratic governors to lift what critics saw as draconian social distancing limits on worship, polling numbers from Pew Research Center suggested that the president also faced backlash from many Christians — particularly Roman Catholics — for his response in the face of the novel coronavirus.

In internal polling, Mr. Pagitt said Christian detractors of the president continually brought up one word: “kindness.”

“If a voter said they saw a voter as unkind on a Christian virtue level, there was an 80% chance they weren’t going to vote for him,” said Mr. Pagitt. “It’s never been about policy. It’s always been about the person.”



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Nation

“I feel like I overestimated the American people.”
— Late-night ABC host Jimmy Kimmel, telling viewers Wednesday night he was “shocked” that President Trump’s supporters turned out in full force on Election Day



PUBLIC HEALTH

U.S. sees 100,000 daily virus cases for 1st time More than 900 people dying each day from disease; nation faces bleak winter

By Tom Howell Jr.
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The U.S. recorded more than 100,000 coronavirus cases in a single day for the first time, raising fears the country faces a bleak winter as Europe faced new lockdowns and China barred travelers from five countries to avoid another outbreak.

Five states — Colorado, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota and Nebraska — saw single-day highs, according to data compiled by a New York Times tracker that found more than 107,000 cases in data compiled Thursday for the prior day.

Testing capacity has improved, but other metrics suggest actual transmission is rising. Deaths are up over 20% from two weeks ago and more than 50,000 people are hospitalized for COVID-19 — up from about 30,000 a month ago.

The country likely crossed the 100,000-case mark weeks ago, because diagnostic efforts do not catch the full extent of the virus within communities, said Amesh Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

“However, officially crossing the mark underscores the fact that this virus is not under control in this country and we can expect this case number to go up as environmental conditions favor



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the transmission of the virus,” he said. “Hopefully, hospitals are able to weather the storm without having to compromise care.”

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told Congress in June that he would “not be surprised” if the

country hit the grim milestone during a summer surge across the South and West. That surge was brought under control, yet the virus found new places to spread, bringing the U.S. to the current juncture.

The seven-day rolling average of cases ticked over 90,000 in

recent days, higher than the summertime peak of about 66,000 per day and more than double the daily average of 40,000 two months ago.

The U.S. case-fatality rate, or share of people who have tested positive and died, is down to 2.5%, yet more than 900 people are still

dying from the disease per day, on average.

Transmission is acute in parts of the upper Midwest, notably the Dakotas and Wisconsin, though the Northeast is girding for another crisis, raising the prospect of new business restrictions.

The United Kingdom entered a four-week lockdown on Thursday, with stores closing and residents being told they can leave home only for essential reasons, such as buying food, getting medical care or engaging in exercise. Bars and restaurants can offer takeout, while universities and schools will remain open.

The coronavirus was discovered in Wuhan, China, in December 2019 and swiftly spread across the globe. It has killed 1.2 million people, including more than 234,000 in the U.S.

China’s communist government used draconian lockdowns and widespread testing to get the situation under control after an early crisis. Now it is trying to keep outsiders from bringing the virus back in.

On Thursday, it banned travelers — except for Chinese citizens — from the U.K., Bangladesh, Belgium, India and the Philippines.

The U.S. and world are banking on a vaccine to bring the virus down to manageable levels in 2021.

Drugmaker Pfizer has said it hopes to seek emergency

approval of its candidate during the latter half of this month, while AstraZeneca told investors Thursday it expects data from its late-stage trials before the end of the year.

Drugmakers Moderna Inc. and Johnson & Johnson are anticipating results from their sprawling trials, too, offering U.S. officials hope there will be multiple candidates available.

The U.S. government also is supporting advanced efforts by Novavax and Sanofi-GSK. Both teams plan to start phase 3 trials soon.

As key states count the final votes for president, it is unclear whether President Trump, who directed \$10 billion toward vaccine development through his “Operation Warp Speed,” would lead the full rollout or if the responsibility would transfer to Democratic rival Joseph R. Biden in the new year.

Either way, the Biden campaign said the nominee and running mate Kamala D. Harris received a COVID-19 briefing Thursday.

“We’re reminded again of the severity of this pandemic. Cases are on the rise nationwide and we’re nearing 240,000 deaths due to COVID,” Mr. Biden said. “Our hearts go out to each and every family that has lost a loved one to this terrible disease.”

ECONOMY

Likely gridlock in Washington has Wall Street breathing easier

By Stan Choe, Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga
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You say “gridlock” like it’s a bad thing.

That appears to sum up world financial markets’ reaction Thursday to the emerging split decision in Tuesday’s cliffhanger U.S. elections, with the mounting prospect of a Democratic president and a divided Congress taking some major financial uncertainties off the table for traders and investors.

Following gains in overseas markets, Wall Street’s post-election wave swept stocks solidly higher again Thursday, pushing the S&P 500 toward its biggest weekly gain since April.

Markets are banking on that partisan gridlock in Washington will stymie both parties’ ability to push through change, meaning that low tax rates, lighter regulation on businesses and other

policies that investors like remain the status quo.

The S&P 500 rose 1.9%, its fourth straight gain of more than 1%, and is now up 7.4% for the week. That would be its best week since the market was exploding out of the crater created in February and March by panic about the coronavirus pandemic.

“The presidential election is not settled, the Senate is not settled, but we’re getting a post-election rally,” said Ross Mayfield, investment strategist at Baird. “The odds at this point seem fairly set in stone, so investors are feeling pretty comfortable making the bets that they’re making.”

The S&P 500 rose 67.01 points to 3,510.45. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 542.52 points, or 1.9%, to 28,390.18. The Nasdaq composite climbed 300.15 points, or 2.6%, to 11,890.93.

The indexes and U.S. bond yields held steady after the

Federal Reserve said in its latest monetary policy update that it will leave its key interest rate at a record low near zero. It also reaffirmed the central bank’s readiness to do more if needed to support the economy under threat from a worsening coronavirus pandemic.

Technology stocks helped power the rally, as they have through the pandemic and for years before that. Rising expectations that Republicans can hold onto the Senate are easing investors’ worries that a Democratic-controlled Washington would beef up antitrust laws and go after Big Tech more aggressively.

Apple climbed 3.5%, Microsoft rose 3.2%, and Amazon added 2.5%. Facebook gained 2.5% and Google’s parent company rose 1%. They’re also the five biggest stocks in the S&P 500 by market value.

Shares in cannabis companies marched higher after voters in

several states cleared the way for sales of legal marijuana for adult or medical use. Tilray jumped 30.3%, though the stock is still down 54.4% so far this year.

Broadly, markets are seeing split control of Congress as a case of what Mizuho Bank calls “Goldilocks Gridlock.”

Investors see cause for optimism whether Mr. Biden or President Trump ultimately wins, and what they want most of all is just for a clear winner to emerge. Stocks “fear uncertainty rather than the actual outcome,” strategists at Barclays wrote in a report.

But the expectation that Mr. Biden has a chance of winning has also raised hopes that U.S. foreign policies might be “more clear,” said Jackson Wong, asset management director of Amber Hill Capital. He added, “investors are cheering for that. That’s why the markets are performing well.”

Stocks also climbed across

European and Asian markets Thursday.

Still, many analysts warn unexpected volatility may lie ahead. Big swings could return as the threat of a contested, drawn-out election still looms, mirroring the huge swings in futures and currency markets Tuesday evening as the election count turned red or blue.

Mr. Trump’s campaign has filed legal challenges in some key swing states, though it’s unclear whether they can shift the race in his favor. A long court battle without a clear winner of the presidency could raise uncertainty and drag down stocks, analysts say.

But concerns about any big changes in tax policy during the next administration have mostly abated now that control of Congress looks as if it will remain split, said Megan Horneman, director of portfolio strategy at Verden Capital Advisors.

“History tends to tell us that investors like gridlock because there’s really not a big chance of legislative surprises,” she said.

Split control of Washington also carries potential downsides. Gridlock may lessen the chances of the U.S. government coming together on a deal to deliver a big shot of stimulus for the economy, for example.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury held steady at 0.77%. It had been above 0.90% earlier this week, when markets were still thinking a Democratic sweep was possible that could lead to a big stimulus package for the economy.

The pandemic continues to weigh on economies around the world, with counts rising at troubling rates across much of Europe and the U.S. Several European governments have brought back restrictions on businesses in hopes of slowing the spread.

MINNESOTA

Judge rejects defense request to move Floyd trial, split cases up

By Steve Karnowski and Amy Forliti
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MINNEAPOLIS | A judge on Thursday rejected defense requests to move the trial of four former Minneapolis police officers charged in George Floyd’s death, and also ordered that all four will be tried together instead of separately.

Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill ruled after defense attorneys had argued that pretrial publicity had made it impossible for the four men to get a fair trial in Minneapolis. They also cited a Sept. 11 hearing in which the men and their attorneys were confronted by angry protesters outside the courthouse, raising safety issues.

Defense lawyers had argued that witnesses could be intimidated, and jurors could be affected by chants from a crowd outside.

But Judge Cahill said he was

unpersuaded that moving the trial would improve security, and that he believes the jury can be protected from outside influences.

“No corner of the State of Minnesota has been shielded from pretrial publicity regarding the death of George Floyd. Because of that pervasive media coverage, a change of venue is unlikely to cure the taint of potential prejudicial pretrial publicity,” he wrote.

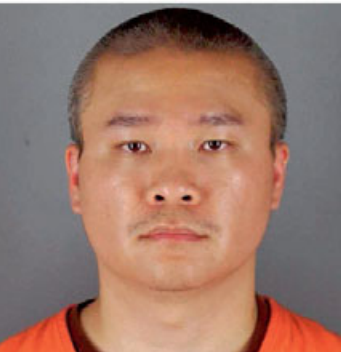
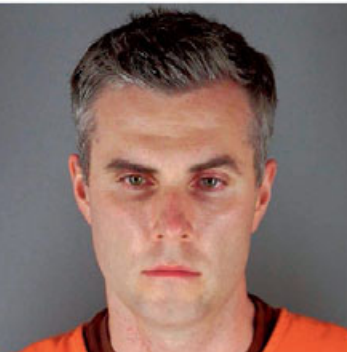
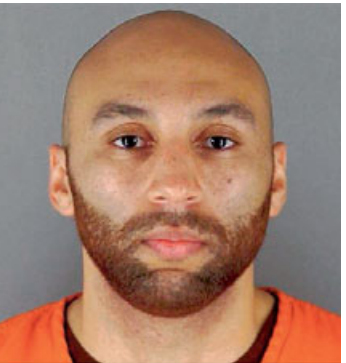
Judge Cahill said he was willing to revisit the issue later if circumstances warrant. Moving the trial away from Minneapolis to a less diverse area of the state also likely would affect the makeup of the jury, though the judge didn’t address that issue. In a separate order, however, he said the names of the jurors will be kept confidential, and that jurors will be fully sequestered during deliberations and escorted to the courthouse as a group during

the trial.

The judge also ruled that the trial can be televised and streamed live from the courtroom, saying cameras will ensure the defendants’ right to a public trial and the public’s right to access during this time when spacing restrictions due to COVID-19 leave little to no room for spectators.

Defense attorneys had also argued that the men should face separate trials, as each officer tried to diminish their own role in Floyd’s arrest by pointing fingers at the other. But Judge Cahill rejected that too, saying the complications of separate trials were too great and that trying the officers together would “ensure that the jury understands ... all of the evidence and the complete picture of Floyd’s death.”

“And it would allow this community, this state and the nation to absorb the verdicts for the



A judge ruled Thursday that the four Minneapolis officers charged in George Floyd’s death will be tried together. The men are Derek Chauvin (top left), J. Alexander Kueng (top right), Thomas Lane (bottom left) and Tou Thao. Defense attorneys tried to get the cases tried separately.

four defendants at once,” he concluded. The judge said the critical evidence in the case is the same for all men, and one trial would

keep witnesses from having to testify multiple times.

Defense attorneys either had no comment on the rulings or did not

return messages seeking comment.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office is prosecuting the case, praised the rulings as “another significant step forward” in the pursuit of justice for Floyd and the community.

So did Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci, attorneys for Floyd’s family. They said Black defendants rarely are granted change-of-venue requests, and keeping the trial in Minneapolis is right because the officers “should rightly face a jury of their peers in the city where this tragedy took place.”

Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs, died May 25 after Officer Derek Chauvin, who is White, pressed his knee against Floyd’s neck as he said he couldn’t breathe. Floyd’s death sparked protests in Minneapolis and beyond, and led to a nationwide reckoning on race. All four officers were fired. They are scheduled to stand trial in March.

Mr. Chauvin is charged with unintentional second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. The three other former officers, Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao, are charged with aiding and abetting both counts.



American Scene

CALIFORNIA

Voters OK exemptions for Uber-style app firms

OAKLAND | App-based companies like Uber, Lyft and DoorDash dodged a potentially devastating blow by carving out an exemption from a California law that required them to classify their drivers as employees instead of contractors.

California voters passed Proposition 22 and delivered a stinging rebuke to state lawmakers and labor leaders who were fighting for better working conditions for a growing number of people who drive for ride-hailing and food delivery services.

— Associated Press

FLORIDA

School fires veteran for using medical marijuana

OCALA | The Marion County School Board voted 5-0 on Wednesday to fire high school dean Mike Hickman after he tested positive for use of medically prescribed marijuana.

The district said that while medical marijuana is legal in Florida, it is illegal under federal law and is a violation of district policy.

The district offered to suspend Mr. Hickman, 51, if he agreed not to use marijuana in the future, but he refused.

— Associated Press

PENNSYLVANIA

DA weighs cops' shooting of man, 27, wielding knife

PHILADELPHIA | District Attorney Larry Krasner vowed Wednesday to make his own decision about whether to charge two young officers in the shooting death of Walter Wallace Jr. and not to rely solely on the police investigation.

The comments came just before the release of body camera video of the incident last month that shows police repeatedly

yelling at the 27-year-old Black man to put a knife down and ordering bystanders to move. Wallace instead rushes between cars into a street where the two officers have their guns drawn. Several shots are fired, and Wallace falls.

“The real violence was perpetrated by a knife-wielding man, who confronted our police officers,” said John McNesby, president of the local Fraternal Order of Police.

— Associated Press

FLORIDA

Section of school road named for Martin

MIAMI | A section of road that leads to the South Florida high school that Trayvon Martin attended now bears the name of the Black teenager whose death sparked a movement for social justice.

The road became Trayvon Martin Avenue during a brief ceremony on Thursday morning near Dr. Michael K. Krop Senior High, where the teen was in 11th grade when he was killed in 2012.

“Our students every morning will come out here and see the road that bears Trayvon’s name. His name will continue forever,” said principal Adam Kosnitzky.

— Associated Press

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco voters OK tax hikes on CEO salaries

SAN FRANCISCO | City voters overwhelmingly approved several tax measures targeting landlords and big businesses whose CEOs earn far higher than their average workers.

Firms that pay top execs 100 times or more than an average worker will pay higher taxes.

Voters also agreed to a higher transfer tax on property sales valued between \$10 million and \$25 million.

— Associated Press

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunset falls on historic season for drive-ins

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK | Julia Wiggin was still shivering after running out to hang up the weekend’s marquee — “Ghostbusters,” “Texas Chainsaw Massacre” — at her Northfield Drive-in near Hinsdale, New Hampshire.

“It’s cold,” Ms. Wiggin said on a bitter, wet morning. “It’s definitely time we closed.”

After a historic season, winter is coming at the drive-in. Summer and early fall have seen their simple, old-fashioned lots transformed into a surprisingly elastic omnibus of pandemic-era gathering. It has hosted concerts and comedy shows, business conferences and Sunday services, graduations and weddings.

Dodger fans watched their team win the World Series from a drive-in in their stadium’s parking lot. Red-carpet premieres that would normally consume Lincoln Center uprooted to drive-ins. (At one, Bill Murray joked that he’d visit every car.)

Even the campaign trail joined the trend, leading to the first ever presidential race that included a mini-referendum on the drive-in. “You know, people in cars. I don’t get it,” President Trump said after Joseph R. Biden’s Atlanta drive-in rally.

Yet the drive-in has undeniably saved a small slice of 2020, offering socially-distanced salvation at a time when most large gatherings are off the table because of the pandemic.

But, well, it’s starting to get pretty cold — at least in much of the country. Drive-ins in Texas, California and Florida can keep humming all year but most of the U.S.’s roughly 300 drive-ins



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Summer and fall have seen the old drive-in movie theaters transformed into a surprisingly elastic omnibus of pandemic-era gathering. Red-carpet premieres have been uprooted to drive-ins.

are seasonal. They aren’t built for the cold, and they’re definitely not built for the snow.

With temperatures dropping — and even some flurries this past weekend — one of the pandemic’s few bright spots is running low on time. But many drive-ins are staying open well beyond normal closing, stretching a season that might usually end around Labor Day much later. Some are selling a lot of hot chocolate.

“I don’t think people mind the cold,” said Ms. Wiggin. “I’ve seen people bring sleeping bags and, like, a tarp. They’re die-hards. Well, OK, if you’re willing to come out, I’m willing to come out.”

The Northfield Drive-in went over by two months before its Halloween-weekend finale. That’s mainly because the drive-in has turned into what Ms. Wiggin calls “a major community

service project,” hosting graduations for everyone from fifth-graders to doctors of internal medicine. On Sunday, a Shakespeare theater group was on the schedule.

John Vincent, president of the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association, estimates more than 200 drive-ins were still operating through Sunday. Showing movies is only part of it, especially since Hollywood studios aren’t releasing their big films.

Marcella Snyder who runs the Tibbs Drive-in in Indianapolis, usually hosts one or two private events a year. This year, she hosted 50. The requests are still coming for November or December.

“We’re looking at frost warnings but the people are still coming,” said Ms. Snyder, who has seen hot chocolate sales skyrocket as temperatures have

plummeted. “If it starts snowing, what am I going to do?”

Like indoor theaters, drive-ins have been operating at 50% capacity to space people out. So ticket sales in the summer, even during sell-outs, wasn’t necessary off-the-charts for many locations.

This fall, though, most are seeing much higher attendance than normal. Drive-ins like Tibbs have adapted to not just online ticketing and concession ordering by app but have rethought what the drive-in — so unchanged by time — can be.

“We built our whole business on nostalgia and it’s nice that we’ve turned a corner. We’ve kind of brought it into the 21st century,” said Ms. Snyder. “It’s been crazy and wild but we’ve loved every minute.”

That’s made drive-ins want to keep rolling as far into the cold as they can. But how long can they hold on?

For Jude DeLeonardis, owner of the 700-car Delsea Drive-in, New Jersey’s last remaining drive-in, the limit is “stupid cold.” Before the pandemic, she had planned to close around Halloween. Now she expects to go at least to Thanksgiving.

“How far into December we can go will depend on Mother Nature and turnout,” said Ms. DeLeonardis. “We would keep it going all year if we knew it wasn’t going to get stupid cold and snowing.”

Some drive-ins have advantages that others don’t. The five-screen Ford Wyoming Drive-In just outside Detroit never closes. Their owner also runs a construction company, so they have snowplows on site. The Ford Wyoming runs from dusk to dawn, selling tickets as late as 2:30 a.m.

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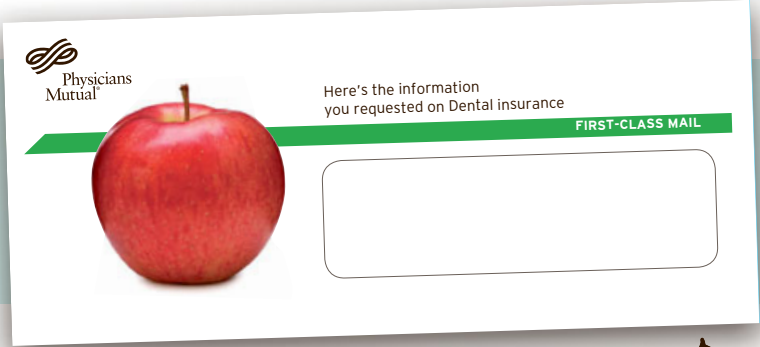
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World



“It’s the smallest price we have to pay for the freedom of our people.”

— President Hashim Thaci, a guerrilla leader during Kosovo’s war for independence from Serbia in the late 1990s, resigning Thursday to defend against war crimes charges — including murder, enforced disappearances, persecution and torture — at a tribunal in The Hague

AFGHANISTAN

Report: Violence could undermine peace deal

Watchdog finds increase in attacks across Afghanistan

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Continued Taliban attacks across Afghanistan “could undermine the agreement” the insurgent group struck with the Trump administration earlier this year that would allow U.S. troops to come home next year, a key Pentagon watchdog reported Thursday.

In its regular quarterly report to Congress released Thursday, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) said that enemy-initiated attacks in Afghanistan grew by 50% in the July-September window when compared to the previous quarter. Some recent attacks in areas such as Helmand province have led to major retaliatory U.S. air strikes in support of Afghan national security forces.

The radical Islamist group has begun power-sharing talks with

the U.S.-backed government of President Ashraf Ghani in Qatar even as the violence has intensified, but there is little sign of early progress in the negotiations.

Observers warn that growing violence across the country and the Taliban’s unwillingness to halt its attacks ultimately could cause the U.S.-Taliban peace pact to unravel. Other terror groups, notably Islamic State, have also stepped up violence against the Ghani government despite a Taliban pledge not to support their efforts.

The violence “could undermine the agreement,” Pentagon officials told SIGAR, according to the report.

The deal, struck in February, called for a reduction in violence across the country but did not require a full cease-fire. SIGAR auditors said that the Taliban “is calibrating its use of violence to harass and undermine” the

Afghan government but also is intentionally keeping its attacks “at a level it perceives is within the bounds” of the agreement.

Indeed, the administration continues to hold up its end of the bargain despite the growing conflict across Afghanistan, and the Trump White House has announced plans to cut the approximately 4,000 to 5,000 combat troops in half in the coming months.

Most recently, Islamic State gunmen on Monday launched a brazen attack on Kabul University, killing at least 22 students and wounding more than 20 others in what Afghan government officials described as a “despicable act of terror.”

The Taliban denied any involvement in the attack, and the Islamic State later claimed responsibility.

However, veteran U.S. diplomat Zalmay Khalilzad, Mr. Trump’s Afghan-born special envoy to the talks, has repeatedly said that the



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Taliban has kept up its end of the deal by not launching attacks on U.S. or coalition forces.

Over 1,600 civilians were wounded in Afghanistan between July and September, according to the report, and 876 civilians were killed — a 43% increase from the previous quarter.

The Taliban was responsible for 42% of the increase in casualties, while 55% was attributed to “unknown insurgent.”

The number of casualties that Afghan government forces were responsible for — 212 — more than doubled this quarter compared to the prior time period. The report noted that casualties are down 36% from the same time last year.

SIGAR’s report comes amid debate surrounding the process of withdrawing U.S. forces from Afghanistan, approaching the 20th year of the longest war in American history.

The number of American troops in the country, which stood at about 12,000 when the

deal was signed in February, is dropping and will be down to 2,500 by early next year, administration officials have said.

Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Mr. Trump’s Democratic rival, has said he would continue to draw down troops but also believes a small U.S. force presence should be maintained to keep terror groups in check.

The February deal also required the Taliban to cease attacks on Americans stationed in the country. SIGAR said it asked U.S. Forces-Afghanistan whether there have been any suspected Taliban attacks on Americans.

“The question drew a classified response,” SIGAR said.

American forces have been in Afghanistan since October 2001, when then-President George W. Bush ordered a military invasion to topple the Taliban government and root out al Qaeda after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Mr. Trump has dubbed the conflict an “endless war” and has vowed to bring U.S. forces home after nearly two decades in the country.

BRIEFLY THE WORLD

FRANCE

Macron tightens borders in face of Islamist threats

PARIS | French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday that France is reinforcing its border controls after a series of attacks that hit the country in recent weeks.

Mr. Macron said the number of police and troops in charge of border controls will double from 2,400 now to 4,800. They will focus on fighting illegal immigration and smuggling activities, he said, during a visit to a frontier post in Le Perthus, at the border with Spain.

Mr. Macron notably referred to the Islamic extremist attack at Notre Dame Basilica in the city of Nice that killed three people last week. The chief suspect is a 21-year-old Tunisian who transited through Italy in September en route to France.

— Associated Press

TANZANIA

Magufuli sworn in amid opposition protests

DODOMA | Tanzania’s populist President John Magufuli took the oath of office for a second five-year term amid tight security Thursday after the opposition called for a fresh election, the disbandment of the electoral commission and an “endless peaceful demonstration” over the Oct. 28 vote.

Mr. Magufuli over the weekend said he will not pursue another term amid some concerns that the ruling party, which won nearly all parliament seats, might try to extend the presidency’s two-term limit.

The opposition asserts that the election was riddled with irregularities, and the U.S. and others have noted credible allegations that call the vote’s results — and the East African country’s democratic ideals — into question.

— Associated Press

IRAQ

Election law signed ahead of vote early in 2021

BAGHDAD | Iraqi President Barham Salih ratified on Thursday a new election law aimed at giving political independents a better chance of winning seats in parliament, paving the way for early elections next year.

The new law changes each of the country’s 18 provinces into several electoral districts and prevents parties from running on unified lists, which has in the past helped them easily sweep all the seats in a specific province.

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ETHIOPIA

Two sides trade attacks in restive Ethiopian region

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ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA | Ethiopia’s army said Thursday the country has been forced into an “unexpected and aimless war” with its powerful Tigray region, while Tigrayan officials asserted that fighter jets had bombed areas around its capital — a marked escalation with little sign of the two sides willing to talk to head off a looming civil war.

Ethiopia’s army deputy chief said military forces are being sent to the fighting from other parts of the country.

“The army will not go anywhere,” Birhanu Jula told reporters, amid fears that the conflict could spill into other regions of Africa’s second-most populous nation. “The war will end there.”

For his part, the Tigray region’s president, Debretsion Gebremichael, told reporters that his forces “are in position to defend ourselves from enemies that waged war on the Tigray region. ... We are ready to be martyrs.”

Ethiopia’s government has not commented on the bombing allegation, read out Thursday evening on the Tigray regional broadcaster.

The strong words came a day after Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed



Orthodox Christians pray for peace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Thursday. There’s little sign of either side willing to negotiate to head off a looming civil war.

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told the nation the military will carry out further operations this week in response to an alleged deadly attack on a military base by the regional government.

Observers warn that a civil war in Ethiopia involving the heavily armed Tigray region could destabilize the already turbulent Horn of Africa. The prime minister, an ethnic Oromo awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last year for his sweeping political reforms, now faces his greatest challenge in holding together a country of some 110 million people with multiple ethnic and other grievances.

Communications remained cut off in the northern Tigray region after services disappeared at just around the time Mr. Abiy’s office first announced the attack and military action early Wednesday. The lack of contact

has challenged efforts to verify the Ethiopian federal government’s account of events.

The Tigray capital, Mekele, appeared calm on Thursday morning but skirmishes took place elsewhere, one local source told The Associated Press.

Ethiopia’s army deputy chief asserted that members of the Tigray People’s Liberation Front are “fleeing and joining the army; those injured are receiving medical treatment.” The army was trying to avoid civilian casualties, he said.

The Tigray leader asserted that the Ethiopian army’s northern command is siding with the Tigray people, and he confirmed that fighting is also taking place in an area bordering the Amhara region, far from where the original clash was reported. “They are surrounding us with their forces,” he said.

Verifying either side’s claims

remained a challenge.

“Certainly there is fighting, but I don’t think anyone can credibly assert who attacked who first,” former U.S. diplomat Payton Knopf, a senior adviser with the United States Institute of Peace, said Wednesday night. He wondered why the well-armed Tigray region’s forces would start by raiding a command post: “They’re not lacking for weaponry.”

Aid organizations and human rights groups are pleading for communications links to be restored and warning of a humanitarian disaster if hundreds of thousands of people flee fighting in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ethiopia has imposed a six-month state of emergency on the Tigray region, which despite representing about 10% of the population played a dominant role in the country’s government and military before Mr. Abiy took office in 2018. Since then the region, feeling marginalized, has split from the ruling coalition and defied Mr. Abiy by holding a regional election in September that the federal government called illegal.

Tigray borders Eritrea, which fought a bloody border war with Ethiopia before the countries made peace in 2018, shortly after

WEATHER

Hurricane Eta ravages Caribbean coast, sets sights on Cuba, Gulf

By **MARLON GONZALEZ**
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TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS | The rain-heavy remains of Hurricane Eta flooded homes from Panama to Guatemala on Thursday as the death toll across Central America rose to at least 13. Forecasters said the once-mighty storm was expected to regather form and head toward Cuba and possibly the Gulf of Mexico by early next week.

The storm that hit Nicaragua as a Category 4 hurricane on Tuesday had become more of a vast tropical rainstorm, but it was advancing so slowly and dumping so much rain that much of Central America remained on high alert.

Eta had sustained winds of 30 mph and was moving northwest at 9 mph Thursday. It was centered 80 miles south of La Ceiba, Honduras.

Guatemala authorities reported four dead Thursday, adding to seven victims in Honduras and two in Nicaragua. Panamanian authorities reported eight

missing.

Two children died when their home collapsed under heavy rains in the central Guatemala department of Quiche, according to a statement by local firefighters. A third person also died in Quiche, but details were not immediately available. President Alejandro Giammattei confirmed a fourth death in a landslide in Chinautla north of the capital Wednesday night. On Thursday, he said on local radio that 60% of the eastern city of Puerto Barrios was flooded and 48 more hours of rain were expected.

Authorities reported nearly 100 homes damaged by flooding and landslides in Guatemala.

Heavy rain was forecast to continue across Honduras through at least Thursday as Eta moves toward the northern city of San Pedro Sula.

Honduras Fire Department spokesman Oscar Triminio said the country’s death toll from Eta had risen to seven Thursday. In mountains outside the north coast city of Tela, the body of a



A pregnant woman is carried out of an area flooded by water brought by Hurricane Eta in Planeta, Honduras, on Thursday. Much of Central America remained on high alert after the storm dumped so much rain.

girl buried in a landslide Wednesday was recovered by residents. In the same area, a large landslide buried a home with a mother and two children inside it. The community was still inaccessible by road and the bodies had not been recovered, he said.

Mr. Triminio said there was also a 2-year-old girl killed in Santa Barbara department when she and her mother were swept away by floodwaters. The mother survived.

Much of the town of Villanueva, just south of San Pedro

Sula, was under floodwaters as Thursday dawned. The Ulua river overwhelmed its banks, but there were no immediate reports of deaths.

Honduran officials earlier reported that a 12-year-old girl died in a mudslide and a 15-year-old boy drowned trying to cross a rain-swollen river. Two other deaths were reported in Nicaragua.

Marvin Aparicio of Honduras’ emergency management agency said Wednesday that some 457 homes had been damaged, mostly by floodwaters. There were 41 communities cut off by washed out roads and nine bridges in the country were wiped out by swollen rivers.

Among those rescued were Karen Patricia Serrano, her husband and five children. Their home was flooded with waters from the Lancetilla river and they had been in a shelter in the northern city of Tela since Monday.

“We lost everything,” the 32-year-old woman said. “I don’t know what we’re going to do.

My husband is 74 years old and because of his age he can’t work. I even lost my little animals,” she said, referring to chickens, cats and dogs.

Oscar Armando Martinez Flores, his wife and seven children were in the same shelter. Their home near the Lancetilla river also flooded, and they made it out only with the clothes they were wearing.

“The rains began Monday and the river overflowed,” Mr. Martinez said Wednesday. “The firefighters and police arrived to take us out because the houses were flooded.”

Mr. Martinez was already in dire straits before the storm. A construction worker, he hadn’t been able to find work in eight months since the coronavirus pandemic began there. He has been selling tortillas to keep his family afloat.

At least eight people were reported missing after flooding and landslides in the Panama province of Chiriqui, which borders Costa Rica.

PROTEST

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“F--- Trump, f--- Biden too. They don't give a f--- about you,” members of the Democratic Socialists of America chanted as they walked through the city's downtown.

Protesters in New York started chanting “Count the vote” in response to Mr. Trump's demand that poll workers stop counting ballots in states where he was ahead. That quickly gave way to anti-police slogans and harassment of outdoor diners.

The protests may have started against Mr. Trump, but two people clad in black torched a Biden campaign sign, leading to cheers and applause, according to social media videos.

The uncertainty of the election's outcome helps explain why the demonstrators are all over the map, said Lauren Duncan, a professor at Smith College who has written about the psychology of protesters.

“We all knew the election would not be decided on election night, so people are anxious and have this energy they want to direct towards some sort of behavior. That would explain why the protests are incoherent,” she said. “The uncertainty equals chaos.”

A lack of agenda isn't stopping agitators from clashing with police across the country.

The Oregon National Guard was deployed in Portland, and a riot was declared there Wednesday night. At least 11 people were arrested and multiple businesses were vandalized amid the chaos.

Businesses damaged included a church that feeds the needy and a woman-owned business that raises money for immigrants and women's rights.

“Indiscriminate destruction solves nothing. These are acts of privilege,” said Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat.

Among those arrested was a man accused of throwing a Molotov cocktail at officers. He was wearing a tactical vest and had a loaded rifle with additional magazines, an explosive device, a knife



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Back the Blue police supporters clashed with Black Lives Matter protesters in Portland, Oregon. Officials and businesses across the country braced for postelection violence by boarding up stores, cutting off access and calling off-duty officers to patrol streets.

and cans of spray paint, police said.

In New York City, roughly 60 people were arrested on charges of trespassing or setting fires.

One of the protesters arrested was Devina Singh, 24, who was caught on video screaming profanities at a police sergeant before apparently spitting on him.

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said officers seized powerful M-80s firecrackers, knives, a taser and spray paint from protesters.

In Minneapolis, police detained about 200 people after protesters blocked a highway.

“I think that chaos is the agenda of at

least the most destructive and disruptive members of these protests are, at heart, anarchists. They are not interested in the institutions of a civil government,” said Randy Petersen, a former police officer and senior researcher for Right on Crime, a conservative criminal justice advocacy group.

A handful of protests had discernable goals.

In Phoenix, about 150 Trump supporters demonstrated outside the Maricopa County government office where votes were being counted. Arizona, a key swing state, was called Tuesday for Mr. Biden by The Associated Press. But Republicans disputed the outcome and

Mr. Biden's thin lead was dwindling as the counting continued.

Demonstrators chanted “stop the steal,” a slogan that gained popularity among the right based on Mr. Trump's claim that the election was being stolen from him.

Another pro-Trump demonstration erupted in Detroit as votes were being counted. Michigan, another swing state, was called for Mr. Biden on Wednesday, but protesters pounded on the windows and shouted, “Stop the count,” according to media reports.

No violence was reported at the pro-Trump demonstrations in Arizona.

Protesters in Minneapolis said they

SWEDEN

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anti-access area denial weapons, electronic and cyber warfare, as well as reported systemic disinformation and large-scale espionage operations.

“We don't see many good signals coming out of Moscow these days,” he said.

Two months ago, Sweden formally protested to the Kremlin after two Russian military vessels entered Swedish waters without clearance. Russian military planes frequently violate Swedish airspace.

To counter the threat, Mr. Jonson said, his country must commit to long-term funding for cyberdefense, civil defense and the intelligence services, and for new military hardware and additional garrisons.

Vindication

For Gen. Sverker Goranson, director of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences and previously the country's top officer, it all spells vindication.

During what he recalled as a “pretty intense debate” about funding levels in 2013, Gen. Goranson, at the time supreme commander of the armed forces, ruffled feathers by publicly warning that his troops could fight off an invasion for no more than a week.

“When things happened in Crimea and Ukraine, it was pretty obvious that I was correct and they were not,” Gen. Goranson said of those who opposed higher defense spending. “And since then, it has been slowly but surely a turnaround.”

What is key to understand, though, the general said, is that Moscow is already engaged in cyberwarfare and disinformation operations and that these ongoing attacks on Sweden could well be considered acts of war. The Russians, Gen. Goranson added, are operating in a dangerous “gray zone.”

Valery Gerasimov, Russian chief of the General Staff, has stated: “If we're really successful, we will not need to fire a bullet. [But] if they are not able to succeed by using softer tools, they have shown [they] are ready to use more



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Swedish Defense Minister Peter Hultqvist warned last month about “Russian aggression” and said “an armed attack on Sweden cannot be ruled out.” In response, the government announced the highest surge in defense spending since the 1950s.

kinetic force as well.”

That scenario makes the beefed-up troop presence in Gotland far more than symbolic. “It's like an aircraft carrier floating around in the Baltic,” Gen. Goranson quipped.

The armed forces now plan to reconstitute their footprint across continental Sweden. The air force will revive a wing near Uppsala, the navy an amphibian regiment in Gothenburg, the army a cavalry unit in Lappland.

One hundred miles north of Gotland, across hundreds of Stockholm streets and subway stops, a sleek ad campaign is urging young Swedes to join one of Forsvarsmakten's four branches.

“RIGHT NOW,” screams one poster featuring a small vessel zipping through sun-drenched waters, the Swedish flag fluttering on its aft. “When the world is difficult to navigate, we hold the course. So you can continue your journey in peace.”

Despite the Scandinavian reputation for preferring peace to war (Stockholm has long resisted formally joining the NATO alliance), few Swedes seem to bat an eye at the martial tone and the rising defense budget.

The Swedish public has largely come



to grips with the end of the supposed post-Cold War era of “eternal peace,” said Anna Wieslander, the Atlantic Council's director for Northern Europe.

“We are all part of a bigger game. I think we are realizing that now,” Ms. Wieslander said. “And in that game, you need to be able to uphold your borders [and] protect your institutions and your population.”

Like it or not, Sweden and its neighbors will be forced to play for as long as Vladimir Putin remains Russia's president, she predicted.

In fact, the Nordic region has become a geopolitical hot spot not unlike the Cold War's East and West Germany, said Patrik Oksanen, a senior fellow at the Stockholm Free World Forum, a foreign policy think tank.

Melting ice caps in the Arctic will open up resources and shipping lanes that could be a game-changer for Moscow, he said.

“We have seen Russia moving forward with their military installations up in the very, very high north,” Mr. Oksanen said. “You cannot view the Baltic Sea without considering the Arctic, and vice versa.”

Russia still boasts the world's largest nuclear arsenal, and its overwhelming military might means “fighting is not an option,” Ms. Wieslander said, so the

name of the game for Sweden and its neighbors is deterrence.

“For us, it's a lot about showing Russia that we have strong muscle,” she said.

That muscle goes far beyond Stridsvagn tanks or Gripen fighter jets. Given Moscow's tactics, it's key to protecting physical and digital infrastructure and helping citizens identify propaganda, Ms. Wieslander said.

“To have strong, resilient societies,” she said, “is really becoming a large part of the deterrence.”

Scandinavia bulks up

Finland is now teaching government officials, journalists and teachers to identify and counteract disinformation and cyberthreats, Defense Ministry Deputy Director General Janne Kuusela recently revealed.

This kind of “whole-society approach,” Mr. Kuusela said, is “critically important to the survivability of any nation.”

It would be wrong to think of “traditional” and cyber warfare as anything but intertwined, Norway's defense minister told The Washington Times.

“Cyber is equally important [as] tanks and fighter jets,” said Frank Bakke-Jensen, pointing to an ever-higher level of integration within the armed forces. “We're building a network-based defense now.”

That is not keeping Norway from snapping up new planes and submarines after boosting its defense budget this year to almost \$6.4 billion.

Russia may not be “a direct military threat to Norway,” Mr. Bakke-Jensen said, but he worried about ripple effects of faraway conflicts and underlined his country's close ties to the United States.

“They are our most important ally, closest ally,” Mr. Bakke-Jensen said, noting that U.S. forces held regular joint exercises with their Norwegian NATO peers.

The peculiarity of the NATO split among the tight-knit Nordics, supposedly all part of the same “security complex,” has led Gen. Goranson and Mr. Jonson to call for Sweden to consider joining the alliance.

Although the country's Cold War “neutrality” has long been forgotten,

were demonstrating against Mr. Trump's policies and his premature claim of election victory.

Although some clashes between police and protesters erupted, the post-election unrest marked a shift from this summer when violence, arson and looting broke out during demonstrations against police brutality.

Betsy Brantner Smith, an executive with the National Police Association, said police were more prepared for rioting this time.

Officials and businesses across the country braced for the postelection violence by boarding up stores, cutting off access to key areas of some cities and calling up off-duty officers to patrol streets.

“The police got ahead of what was going to happen,” she said. “When you have spontaneous protest after an officer-involved shooting, the police are playing catch-up. I think law enforcement was really prepared.”

Mr. Petersen said police shifted their tactics after learning from the experiences of dealing with this summer's civil unrest. The protests erupted after the death of George Floyd, a Black man, while in the custody of Minneapolis police.

“We are seeing less confrontations,” he said. “They are arresting lawbreakers but not having an overt presence when it is a genuinely peaceful protest.”

Questions about the election will likely head into the weekend, raising fears that the protests could ramp up as the uncertainty grows.

“I think it is likely to get worse,” Mr. Petersen said. “We are not any closer to having a president than we were on Tuesday morning. At some point, this will start to play out and one side or another will be very upset.”

Ms. Duncan cautioned that those who act out in response to the election results will be a small minority, especially if Mr. Biden wins.

“There is a subset of people on the extreme right who might protest, but the rank-and-file Trump supporter will be like, ‘I tried,’” she said. “That is true of the moderate Biden supporter. They have other things to do with their lives. It is the extremists that will continue.”

NATO membership seems to be one step too far for its center-left government.

“We know that in case of war, if anyone [were to] attack Sweden, we [would] need help from others,” said Niklas Karlsson, the defense committee's Social Democratic vice chairman.

But given close ties with its neighbors — as well as with Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States and NATO itself — membership need not be on the table, Mr. Karlsson said.

“The agreements and the cooperation that we have today, that is enough,” he said.

But the trans-Atlantic link is “indispensable” for Sweden, and President Trump's demand that defense spending be equal to at least 2% of gross domestic product is a good idea even for non-NATO members, Mr. Jonson said.

“U.S. commitment to Northern Europe in military terms is vital,” he said, “[so] we also have to do our share of the burden.”

The outcome of the U.S. presidential election won't change that, the lawmaker predicted.

“I don't see those demands or expectations going away anytime soon,” Mr. Jonson said. “And I think it's a healthy pressure on us Europeans.”

With defense spending hovering not far above 1% of GDP, Sweden has a long way to go. Although funds have been allocated for the next five years, it could take far longer to implement all the planned improvements, Gen. Goranson said.

With all the dire warnings, the general seemed to be losing patience with his countrymen's trademark placidity.

“Shouldn't we work faster if we're worried [about] how things are looking at the moment?” he said. “It's not always a wise thing to not pay the full insurance before the fire.”

That Gotland needs “firemen” has been known since the 1361 Visby plunder, when, legend has it, the town paid the Danes a huge ransom just to be ransacked anyway, Mr. Jonson said half-jokingly.

“We know that leaving Gotland demilitarized historically has not been favorable to Swedish security,” he said.



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"I know people are tired of COVID-19, but this virus is still with us and we can't afford to let our guard down now."
— Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, resorting to Twitter on Thursday to urge commonwealth residents to step up efforts to contain the coronavirus as the Washington region set a new 7-day average record high for cases this week



BRIEFLY THE METRO AREA

MARYLAND

TOWSON
Baltimore County settles suit over race bias in police hiring

Baltimore County reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice in a lawsuit that accused the county's police force of discriminatory hiring practices against Black applicants. Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski announced the deal Wednesday, saying in a statement that the agreement "will help hold Baltimore County accountable" as it works to increase diversity in the Baltimore County Police Department. The lawsuit, filed in August 2019, claimed the county's use of the pass/fail written exams led to hiring fewer black applicants as entry-level police officers and police cadets than it would have had if it used a "non-discriminatory screening device." Under the settlement, the county has to provide \$2 million in back pay to eligible claimants and make 20 priority hires for Black applicants who previously took and failed the written exams, according to the news release.

— Associated Press

VIRGINIA

PETERSBURG
Police: 12-year-old boy dead after accidental home shooting

A 12-year-old boy died after he was accidentally shot by a man in his Virginia home, police said. The child was transported to a hospital after he was shot Tuesday night in Petersburg, Chesterfield County police said in a statement. He died there as a result of his injuries. Members of the child's family, including his mother, were inside the home during the shooting, Chesterfield County police Sgt. Michael Agnew told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The man accused of shooting the boy, Rayshawn D. Elmore, surrendered Wednesday after police the obtained a warrant for his arrest. Authorities said the accused knew the child and listed his address as being the same as the location of the shooting but did not describe his relationship with victim. The 22-year-old has been charged with involuntary manslaughter. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney to comment on his behalf.

— Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA
Virginia man pleads guilty in fatal fentanyl overdose

A Virginia man pleaded guilty Wednesday to selling fentanyl to a person who later died of an overdose. Peter Andrew Romm, 35, of Reston pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of conspiracy to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and 400 grams or more of fentanyl; and one count of distribution of fentanyl, according to a news release from the the U.S. Department of Justice. As part of his plea agreement, Romm admitted that the fentanyl he distributed caused the person's death. On Oct. 7, 2019, prosecutors said, Romm sold fentanyl to a person through a middle-man. The buyer consumed the fentanyl and was found dead in his home the next morning.

— Associated Press

REGION

D.C., Montgomery County eye virus restrictions

Infection surge fuels travel advisory, distance learning extension in the District

By SHEN WU TAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Officials in D.C. and Maryland are altering travel advisories, delaying re-opening plans and proposing additional restrictions to combat rising coronavirus cases as the region and the country as a whole struggle with another surge in COVID-19 infections. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser on Thursday said she will issue an updated travel advisory that will require visitors to get tested 72 hours before traveling to the city and to get tested within three to five days if staying in town for that length of time. Officials are also asking people not to travel if they might have had a close contact of a person with a confirmed infection. The updated travel advisory will also permit private institutions such as universities and hotels to ask visitors about their recent travel and require a record of a negative COVID-19 test before allowing access to their facilities. Across the Maryland border, the Montgomery County on Thursday postponed a vote until next week over an amended order by Council Chairman Marc Elrich that would re-impose coronavirus restrictions to fight surging case numbers there. Lawmakers said they were putting off the vote a few days to get more public input. At-large Council member Gabe Alborno expressed the general view that there were few good options left. "These are extraordinarily difficult decisions, and we are undeniably stuck between a rock and a hard place," he said Thursday. The order would downsize gatherings from 50 to 25 people and reduce space limits for fitness centers, restaurants, museums, galleries, retail establishments and houses of worship to 25% capacity. The county recorded 227 more coronavirus cases on Thursday, its highest new daily coronavirus case count since June, according to County Health Officer



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Dr. Travis Gayles. There have been 26,777 residents infected by coronavirus and 841 who have died from it. Daily coronavirus case counts in the county have also exceeded 100 over the last four days. Back in June, new cases ranged between 30 and 40 when the county experienced a "reprieve" during the coronavirus pandemic. Under Ms. Bowser's order, visitors traveling from Maryland and Virginia would be exempt. There are also exceptions for those visiting D.C. for less than 24 hours or for a family emergency or funeral or coming to the city for essential work. D.C. residents returning to the city from any higher-risk jurisdiction outside the immediate region will be asked to limit daily activities and to self-monitor for 14 days after their return or to limit activities until they get tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours and test negative. Residents can get an at-home coronavirus test through LabCorp and

can visit coronavirus.dc.gov/testing for more testing information. The District is reporting higher coronavirus numbers. As of Thursday, the city recorded a 2.9% test positivity rate and a 7-day average daily case rate of nearly 13 per 100,000 residents. The coronavirus has infected 17,682 residents and killed 650 since the spring, health department data show. The D.C. public school system has also switched gears and is requiring all students to continue learning from home for the start of the second term, which begins Monday, instead of allowing some students to return to the classrooms as originally planned. In the weeks ahead, randomly selected "at-risk" students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will have the option of learning virtually in a Canvas Academics and Real Engagement (CARE) classroom supervised by a staff member, said D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee at a Wednesday town hall.

MARYLAND

Voters paint self-portrait far from national spotlight

Survey: Most see U.S. in negative direction

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It wasn't exactly a swing state in the recent election, but Maryland voters managed to paint a detailed self-portrait when they went to the polls. An expansive Associated Press survey of the electorate locally and nationally found that voters in Maryland made their pick for president while holding negative views about the country's direction. The presidential and congressional campaigns concluded Tuesday as the nation remains in the throes of a global public health crisis and mired in the economic downturn it brought on. AP VoteCast found that just 30% of Maryland voters said the U.S. is on the right track and 69% of voters said it is headed in the wrong direction. That may explain pretty well why Mr. Biden, the Democrat, carried the state and its 10 electoral votes by roughly a 2-to-1 margin. This snapshot of who voted and what

matters to them is based on preliminary results from AP VoteCast survey of some 2,211 voters and 496 nonvoters in Maryland, conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago. In the race for president, Mr. Biden was preferred over Mr. Trump among both voters under 45 and older voters. Black voters were more likely to support the Democratic former vice president while Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump were neck and neck among the Free State's white voters. Unlike in a number of states, both voters without a college degree and college-educated voters were more likely to support Mr. Biden over Mr. Trump. Both voters in cities and suburban voters were more likely to favor Mr. Biden as well. But as was true in other states, voters in small towns and rural areas were more likely to prefer Mr. Trump Tuesday.

The coronavirus pandemic has spread through the U.S. for roughly eight months, killing more than 230,000 Americans. Overall, 14% of voters said the virus in the U.S. is completely or mostly under control, and 27% said it's somewhat under control. Fifty-nine percent of voters think the coronavirus is not at all under control in this country. The coronavirus pandemic was top of mind for many voters in Maryland. Forty-seven percent said it is the most important issue facing the country today. Voters also considered the economy a major issue, with 24% saying it ranked at the top. Ten percent named racism, 8% named health care and just 4% cited climate change. Voters were more negative than positive in their assessments of the nation's economy. Overall, 34% described economic conditions in the U.S. as excellent or good, and 66% called them not so good or poor. Among registered voters who chose not to cast a ballot in Maryland, 24%

said that was because they don't like the candidates, 17% said their vote doesn't matter, and 16% said they don't like politics generally. In Maryland, 70% of nonvoters were younger than 45 and 75% did not have a college degree. All eight Maryland House of Representatives incumbents won reelection, and Gov. Larry Hogan, who some say entertains thoughts of a 2024 White House run, made national news when he revealed he had not voted for fellow Republican Mr. Trump, but had written in the name of former President Reagan. Mr. Hogan also appeared in an election-week bipartisan ad with Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, urging voters eager for a result to be patient and respect the election process. The governor in a separate tweet Wednesday said the "world is watching" the voting count unfold. "I know emotions are running high, but we need to keep faith in the voters and our democracy," Mr. Hogan tweeted. "Let the process work, just like it has every four years for over 200 years."

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Black Lives Matter drives interest in Richmond's Black culture, history

By CIERRA PARKS
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RICHMOND | The Black Lives Matter movement has helped renew interest in Richmond's Black culture and history, according to community leaders. BLK RVA is an initiative launched in August 2019 between Richmond Region Tourism and 20 community leaders to highlight historical Black tourist attractions and engage visitors in events that support Richmond's Black community. The group continues to promote Black-centered tourism in light of recent events. BLK RVA recently was awarded the Richmond Region Tourism Chairman's Award in recognition of its contributions over the past year. Tameka Jefferson, community relations manager for Richmond Region

Tourism and BLK RVA, said the Black Lives Matter movement has generated more interest in African American tourism, which she said is "long overdue." Although Black Lives Matter began in 2013, the movement gained more support this year. "Now is the time that we do need to come together as a community to support our businesses, to support our city and our region," Ms. Jefferson said. She also said that in the months following the death of George Floyd in police custody, she has seen more people visit the area around the Robert E. Lee statue. The area has been transformed into space used by the community for art, protest and memorial — and even basketball. Ms. Jefferson said people are migrating to this area now that there has been a "staple of just coming together and a

staple of community and uprising." BLK RVA's mission is to illustrate that the Richmond region has evolved and is now a multicultural hub that specializes in four pillars: arts and entertainment, food and drink, community and history. Ms. Jefferson said the state capital is often seen through its outdated history—an outlook that needs to change. In addition to African American-centered events and fundraisers, BLK RVA promotes the patronizing of what they call "rooted and rising" businesses; ones that have been around a while and others that are up and coming. One established business is the Elegba Folklore Society, which was established 30 years ago. The society hosts the annual Down Home Family Reunion and Juneteenth Freedom celebrations in addition to guided heritage tours along the Trail

of Enslaved Africans and other historic sites. The trail details the history of slave trade from Africa to Virginia, following a route through the area's former slave markets and also highlighting African American life leading up to the Civil War. Omilade Janine Bell, president and artistic director of the Elegba Folklore Society, said the company prides itself on educating people because Black stories are often not fully told. She has noticed a renewed interest in learning about Black history in light of the recent Black Lives Matter movement. Jefferson echoes that statement. "His [George Floyd's] loss-of-life story has opened the eyes of many whose eyes had been shut tightly before," Ms. Bell said. "Now there is a heightened awareness among Black people and others about the lack of equity." Jaynell Pittman-Shaw owns Maple

Bourbon, a restaurant serving breakfast and lunch in Richmond's downtown area that is one of BLK RVA's "rising" businesses. She believes there is a new spotlight on inequity in the Black community. "That is what people are protesting about right now: systemic and institutional racism," Ms. Pittman-Shaw said. "Black business owners do not have access to the same resources that should be available to any business owner," but black businesses need more support to thrive. Ms. Jefferson said BLK RVA donated money from online merchandise sales to the Richmond Black Restaurant Experience, which hosts a week-long event in the spring promoting black-owned food businesses. More than \$15,000 was raised and distributed evenly among 35 Black Restaurant Week participants affected by COVID-19.

Preparing for a Wisconsin recount

Margin between Joe Biden and Donald Trump is less than 1% so requesting a recount is a legal option

By Scott Walker

President Trump can still win the election. The same media outlets that were eager to report his demise with poll after poll showing him down in key battleground states are now rushing to call states with outstanding or disputed votes.

On election night, I repeatedly stated that the president would carry the first wave of states after the polls closed on the East Coast with Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. Sens. Marco Rubio and Rick Scott gave me positive information about inroads being made in Miami-Dade County. Georgia was closer than expected, and North Carolina is frequently a close call.

Then, I noted that Texas, Ohio and Arizona would go with the Trump-Pence ticket. Gov. Greg Abbott made it clear to me that Texas was not going to fall. He was right. Ohio came through again in 2020 for the president. Many in the media rushed to judgment and called Arizona.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey updated me on the number of outstanding ballots and he was confident that they would change the state to red. With more than 550,000 ballots yet to be counted, getting 60% or more of the votes could push the president to victory in Arizona.

Then it boils down to the Big 10 states: Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. My prediction has been for the commonwealth to come through for the president. Still, the election is too close to call in my home state of Wisconsin.

With millions of ballots cast in the Badger State, the margin is less than one percentage — fewer than 21,000 votes. My suggestion for the Trump campaign is to prepare for a recount after the completion of the canvass.

In Wisconsin, a candidate may request a recount if the difference in votes between the candidate and the leading candidate is not more than 1% of the total votes cast for the office. The petition must be filed no later than the third business day, or in an election for president no later than the first business day, after the state election commission receives the last statement from a county board of canvassers. The candidate must pay for the recount unless the candidate is the leading candidate following the recount.

County officials meet to canvass local election returns no later than the Tuesday after the election. Results must be transmitted to the state election commission no later than 14 days after the election. The state elections commission canvasses and certifies results on Dec. 1. The state canvass must conclude within 10 days of being commenced.

The margin between Donald Trump and Joe Biden is less than 1 percent, so requesting a recount is a legitimate legal option for the Trump campaign considering the slim margin of about 21,000 votes out of the millions cast in Wisconsin. I believe they need to prepare for a recount now.

During the past decade, a statewide recount has happened twice. Four years ago, the presidential election results in Wisconsin went through a recount with Donald Trump picking up 131 votes. And



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in 2011, there was a swing of 300 votes in a Wisconsin Supreme Court race. With that in mind, changing a few hundred

votes seems more likely than a few thousand — 21,000 is a high hurdle.

Having said that, the canvass process

might reveal problems in the reporting of votes. In 2011, thousands of votes from the City of Brookfield were found to have never been submitted to the Waukesha County Clerk. Once those votes were added, the outcome was reversed from a 204 vote lead on election night for the challenger to a 7316 vote lead for the incumbent.

The canvassing could lead to tighter election results in Wisconsin. That would make the prospect of the outcome changing much more likely than just pursuing a recount now.

Twenty years ago, when George W. Bush and Al Gore were battling each other for electoral votes, Wisconsin was one of the states being considered for a recount. We had, on video, images of a Park Avenue socialite going to Milwaukee area homeless shelters and offering packs of cigarettes for people who voted early for Al Gore. The “smokes for votes” scandal picked up national attention.

In the end, the Bush-Cheney campaign opted to put all of their resources and attention into the State of Florida. After a lengthy recount process and legal battles that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, George W. Bush won the election for president.

President Trump’s path to reelection is likely to go through Arizona and Pennsylvania, but Mr. Trump’s team should not write off Wisconsin. The bottom line is that no one should declare victory in America’s Dairyland until the state certifies the canvass. The president’s team should prepare for a recount in Wisconsin right now.

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Don’t sell short the Trump breakthrough in the Middle East

Abraham Accords serve as a force multiplier for commerce and a boost to cooperation on security issues

By Daniel N. Hoffmann

As we mark the end of a presidential campaign dominated by hyper-partisan debate on domestic issues, let’s not forget that just a couple of months ago the Trump administration brokered an unexpected and remarkable diplomatic breakthrough in the Middle East.

Secretary Mike Pompeo and his dedicated State Department team deftly midwived the diplomatic engagement between Israel and the UAE, most notably during the U.S.-led counter-Iran conference in Warsaw and in subsequent behind-the-scenes meetings, which resulted in September’s Abraham Accords.

A shared interest in countering Tehran, which Washington considers the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism and a regime with a growing ballistic missile capability and nuclear aspirations, was critical to driving the UAE, Bahrain and Israel to move to establish full diplomatic relations.

Delegations from Israel and the UAE are negotiating on issues such as investment, tourism, direct flights, security, telecommunications and the opening of embassies.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Trump remarked that the world was witnessing a “new dawn” in the Middle East. The UAE is now poised to purchase high-tech U.S. weapons, including



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Gauging China’s surge into biological warfare

China’s thinking about military applications of biological warfare must be taken seriously

By Jed Babbin

Civilized nations are bound to obey the law of war embodied in the Geneva Conventions. The Conventions outlaw acts such as the intentional targeting of civilian populations and the creation and stockpiling of biological weapons. Despite those obligations, China is evidently eager to violate the Conventions because of opportunities presented by the advance of medical science.

At least since the 2002 publication of “Unrestricted Warfare,” a book by two People’s Liberation Army (PLA) colonels, Chinese military thinking has extended the concept of a battlefield to every aspect of military and civilian existence. The unlimited “battlefield” now means that China intends to include biological warfare among the most significant means of fighting a war.

From several news reports beginning in 2019 we know of a 2010 book called, “War for Biological Dominance,” by a professor at China’s Third Military Medical University, which emphasized the use of biological warfare. The theoretical basis continued in a 2015 essay by Gen. He Fuchu (then-president of China’s Academy of Military Medical Sciences) in which he argued that biotechnology will become the new “strategic commanding heights” of national defense, from biomaterials to “brain control” weapons.

Theory was made into doctrine in the 2017 edition of a PLA National Defense University textbook which debuted a section about biology as a domain of military struggle, mentioning the potential for new kinds of biological warfare to include “specific ethnic genetic attacks.”

China is evidently eager to violate its obligations under the Biological Weapons Convention, part of the Geneva Conventions, which prohibits the development and stockpiling of biological and toxin weapons.

China has reportedly begun using genomic science — the study of DNA “profiles” of individuals and ethnic groups — to identify its Uighur Muslim population, which is being severely oppressed. It has also created a national “gene bank,” intending to make it the world’s largest depository of genomic data.

CFIUS — the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. — is an interagency group that has regulatory power over foreign purchases of U.S. companies and real estate. The State

Department and the Department of Defense both play prominent roles in it. Under the Obama-Biden administration, CFIUS foolishly approved Beijing Genomics Incorporated’s (BGI’s) purchase of Complete Genomics Inc., (CGI) a U.S. company, in 2012.

By approving that purchase, CFIUS gave BGI access to CGI’s database of American DNA profiles and entry into the U.S. genomics market.

about military applications of biological warfare, including specific “ethnic genetic attacks.” By broadening the concept of biowarfare — which it labels one of the principal domains of war — into fields such as genomics, the study of human DNA, China intends to create weapons based on genomic data. The concept is not fanciful.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which originated in Wuhan, China, may have been accidentally or intentionally released from a government laboratory or it may have naturally occurred and been transmitted to humans in a “wet market” that sold animals such as bats and dogs for food. We will never really know. What we do know is that the Chinese government, initially insisting that the virus was not transmittable between humans, let people travel from Wuhan around the world spreading the virus.

China’s study of “ethnic genetic attacks,” however, could soon mean that viruses or other biological organisms could be tailored, by editing their genes, to affect specific ethnic groups or even individuals. Chinese genomic scientists could soon create a virus that would affect Caucasians, Africans or other ethnic groups but not Chinese.

An American genomic scientist I spoke to, who requested anonymity, spoke enthusiastically about tailoring cancer treatments to individuals, using their DNA to amplify the effect of treatments. China’s strategies turn that around, to making tailored genomic weapons.

China’s focus on genomic warfare has attracted the attention of both the FBI’s biological countermeasures unit and the Air Force’s Office of Special Investigation. Both are reportedly highly concerned about the national security effect resulting from the enormous amount of genomic data being gathered in the United States falling into Chinese hands. It must be made illegal for companies such as BGI to access U.S. genomic data and to export such data.

We cannot affect China’s march to genomic weapons. Their development and China’s ability to deploy them effectively may be years away, but China is in a race to enable it to wage war in new and entirely devastating ways. Right now, it’s an arms race in which China is competing only with itself.

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It was akin to enabling the Chinese company Huawei to build a 5G network in the U.S., which President Trump stopped, because an Huawei-built 5G network would give China access to virtually all U.S. data.

BGI claims it is not owned by the Chinese government, but that claim is in doubt because of its several connections to the Beijing regime. BGI hosts government laboratories and several of its executives are former government officials.

In July, two subsidiaries of BGI — Xinjiang Silk Road BGI and Beijing Liuhe BGI — were blacklisted by the United States for their helping the Chinese identify and oppress the Uighurs. BGI itself apparently wasn’t blacklisted because it is heavily involved in genetic studies with companies in the U.S., meaning it has access to vastly more American DNA profiles than the acquisition of CGI gave it.

We have to take seriously China’s thinking

COMMENT & ANALYSIS

GOP secures future dominance

Republicans, not Democrats, emerge as the multi-racial working-class party

On Election Day, in response to exit poll data coming out of Florida indicating that President Trump had garnered the support of Hispanics and Blacks, Josh Kraushaar, a columnist at National Journal, tweeted, “The path forward for the GOP: multi-racial working-class party.” To which Sen. Josh Hawley, Missouri Republican, responded: “Uh, yea.”

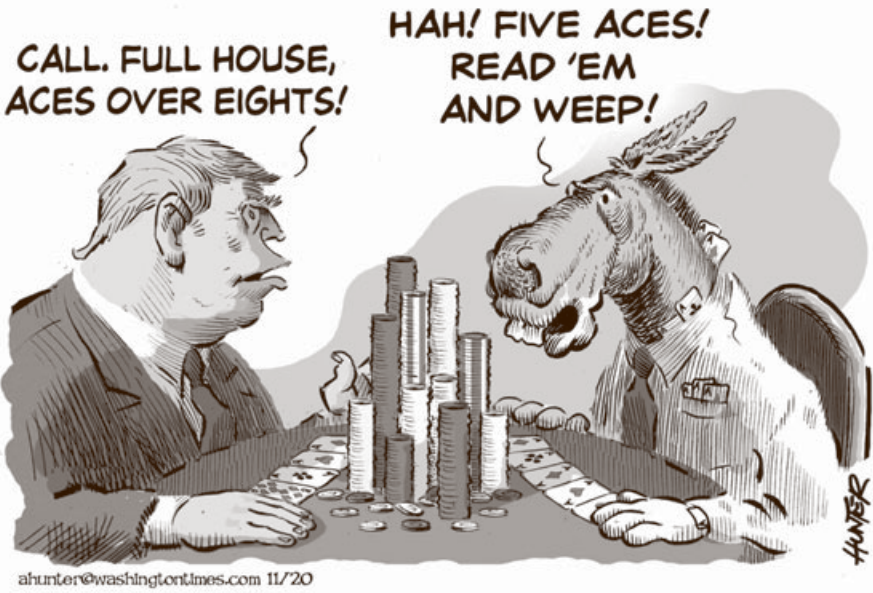
Of course, it was not simply the numbers out of Florida that impressed the senator from Missouri. According to the Edison Exit Poll, Mr. Trump has a positive increase from 2016 with every race and gender save — and note the irony — White men. So much for the prevailing and, hoped-for narrative the elite media has been pushing about racism in this administration. It turns out that voters see right through the Democratic National Committee-fed talking points.

Because pundits will try and downplay just how strong of a rebuke to Joe Biden, in particular, and Democratic candidates, in general, this election is turning out to be, it’s more than worth noting that Mr. Trump just won the highest share of the non-White vote of any Republican in the last 60 years. (Feel free to trot out that statistic when the family gathers at the Thanksgiving table.)

But it’s not just the news on the Republican side of the

ledger that lends credence to what Mr. Hawley also shared on Twitter, “We are a working class party now. That’s the future.” According to the Center for Responsive Politics, this election, and for the first time in a decade, Wall Street gave more money to Democrats than to Republicans. The organization also reports — astoundingly — that nearly 100% of political contributions from Internet companies went to Democrats. Couple this with the anti-conservative biases manufactured on Madison Avenue and laundered through media outlets around the country, Hollywood’s incessant anti-Trump braying, and the perennial pro-liberal politics in higher education, and one gets the sense of just how captured the Democratic Party is by monied elites.

Americans are loudly signaling their preference for a common-sense conservatism that champions the working- and middle-class, celebrates the shared, noble history of our country and relies on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution as foundations of wisdom, power and freedom. If the Republican Party can harness the lessons — and the triumphs — of the recent election and carry them forward, the future looks good for a re-defined and re-invigorated party. It bodes well for the country as a whole going forward.



All in

Biden’s ‘values-based’ foreign policy is a loser

By Brandon J. Weichert

Should former Vice President Joe Biden be made the 46th president of the United States, one can expect a return to the Obama-type “values-based foreign policy” toward America’s enemies (except for China) from a Biden administration.

Thus, critical geopolitical opportunities will be missed by the United States when dealing with the unstable nations of Eurasia. Meanwhile, China, Russia, Iran and North Korea are likely to coalesce into an anti-American bloc on Eurasia — a region with most of the world’s population, natural resources and arable land. This is a nightmare scenario for U.S. grand strategy, as control of Eurasia is essential for the United States to maintain its hard-won superpower status.

At a time when Eurasia is burning, the United States was actually making solid progress in ending some of its long-standing tensions with the Middle East, Russia and North Korea. No new Middle East wars have erupted since Donald Trump became president. Russia has not invaded the Baltics, as many of us fretted about four years ago. North Korea is also quiet. Both Iran and China, however, are in the catbird seat: Mr. Trump has employed a “maximum pressure” strategy with both China and Iran which has brought them to their knees.

If Mr. Biden is, in fact, the next president, things will flip. The United States will yet again prioritize its rivalry with Russia, a country that has a GDP roughly equivalent to that of Italy and a state in which its population is in terminal decline. According to The Moscow Times, Mr. Biden has a long history of empowering opposition movements in Russia (and the former Soviet bloc states). Of course, Russia is not run by moral men. But few countries are. Russia is the largest country in the world in terms of land; with a massive and modern nuclear weapons arsenal. In essence, Russia is unlikely to be cowed by Mr. Biden’s pedantic “values-based” foreign policy.

Meanwhile, the Chinese will have been given a much-needed reprieve. One can anticipate, over the next year or so, tensions between Beijing and Washington will lower at the precise moment that the maximum pressure campaign on China was working. Predatory Chinese trade practices will resume and their illegal annexation of the South and East China Seas will continue unabated. One can even anticipate America’s eventual abandonment of Taiwan, as Chinese power grows relative to that of the United States in the Indo-Pacific.

Similarly, a Biden administration will return the United States to the ill-advised nuclear arms agreement that former President Obama initiated in 2015 (and that President Trump abandoned in 2018). This, at a time when the Israelis and Sunni Arabs

were finally making headway in forming an anti-Iranian alliance. All of that progress is now in jeopardy.

If the region’s players believe that the United States is running toward the exits while handing off the region to a nuclear-arming Iran, the Sunni Arab states will make different calculations — any of which could eventually harm U.S. national interests in the region. A Biden foreign policy could precipitate a major conflict in the region. Or, Mr. Biden’s “value-based” foreign policy could ensure that Israel is the one holding the small straw when the dust settles and Iran is ascendant.

North Korea, too, is a phenomenal diplomatic success story that the Trump administration should hang its hat on. Most Americans do not realize how close to a full-blown war the United States was with North Korea over its illicit nuclear weapons arsenal in 2017. I do. As an occasional subject matter expert for the Pentagon, I distinctly remember the conversations at the time when the Pentagon was contemplating how best to defeat a nuclear-armed North Korea.

Needless to say, it was not good for the United States (or for South Korea and Japan). A Trumpian Hail Mary play mitigated the probability of a nuclear war. In response, North Korea did cool its war talk against the United States. While North Korea has continued with its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile program since 2018, tensions have become markedly lower — mostly because of the personal rapport that both Mr. Trump and Mr. Kim have with each other.

This would change upon Mr. Biden’s swearing-in as the next president. Under the eight years of the Obama administration, when the conventional wisdom of isolating North Korea and not talking to it prevailed, Pyongyang made stunning progress on its nuclear weapons arsenal. This could have been avoided had Mr. Obama taken a gamble at the peace table the way that Mr. Trump had done with Kim Jong-un. The fact that Mr. Kim was a lover of American pop culture, and Mr. Trump was a pop cultural icon for many years, likely helped to ameliorate much of the tension in the relationship in the early meetings between the two sides.

That will all be gone come January 2021, if Mr. Biden is sworn in.

One can anticipate a Biden “values-based” foreign policy will push America’s foes closer together while alienating America from its allies. Ultimately, Mr. Biden’s “values-based” foreign policy will lead to fights over inconsequential issues and turn rivals into enemies and enemies into fanatics opposed to American power.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election theft is no lie

It is absolutely the case that a great election robbery is underway right now in the U.S. The signs are obvious, and similar to those here in the U.K., where mail-in fraud is a fact of life.

Codes of silence make it hard to prove, but that does not mean that mail-in fraud doesn’t happen. Luftur Rahman, the former mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets,

was eventually found guilty of electoral fraud after years of controversy. He was boss of a Chicago-style political machine. Falsifying mail-in ballots, such as election agents collecting bundles from local residents (Democrats are so brazen about this, it is even officially permitted in California) and individuals completing multiple ballots were key tools in his racket.

Convicting Rahman took years of painstaking investigation, but the truth eventually came out. Republicans face a challenge, but I urge them to be diligent and determined and make sure that they pursue electoral justice against the Democrats’ subversion.

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Let governments oversee cryptocurrency

In “Will America or China be No. 1 in cryptocurrency?” (Web, Nov. 4), Jared Whitley puts forth the argument that the “right kind of leadership from Washington on cryptocurrency” can help ensure that China “doesn’t supplant America as the No. 1 economy in the world.”

En route to this summation, Mr. Whitley writes that “virtually everyone in the world agrees that it would be better for the United States to remain the the No. 1” power. There may be 900 million or so people in

China who disagree, but I digress. Cryptocurrencies and paper money should be considered identical insofar as world governments are concerned. Both are placeholders for value. Both are placeholders for wealth and/or debt. Both are used in lieu of physical treasure (i.e., gold, silver). Both are used in commerce. Both are “worth” more as a symbol than their physical properties would appreciate. Both can disappear in an instant (for example, fire for paper money and hacking/power surge for cryptocurrency).

Nation-state control and backing for all types of currency require commitment and funding by those same entities. Cryptocurrency can be created and deleted with a click on a keyboard, no commitment required by the entity that creates or deletes it.

Control of cryptocurrency should not be the held by the private sector but instead under the purview of accountable governments.

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Left, beware businessman Trump

I really don’t want President Trump to lose his reelection challenge, but if he does, there is a silver or platinum lining in this dark cloud.

I can’t imagine Mr. Trump sitting in his basement sulking for four years after “Big Tech” played a significant and unfair role in his demise. Before Mr. Trump became president, businessman Trump had enormous talent, resources and drive. He still has them, but as president, he is restricted in what he can do. The CEO of Trump Communications will have

no such restrictions.

Can you imagine Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook or Jack Dorsey of Twitter going up against Mr. Trump in a cage-match brawl? That can’t happen because none of them is a cage fighter, but they are businessmen and they could very well face off in the business world come January 2021.

Mr. Trump also has tens of millions of loyal supporters who would eagerly dump Facebook, Twitter, Google and Fox News if given an

alternative and even the slightest encouragement. President Trump can’t start up alternatives to Facebook and Twitter and then ask his supporters to dump them and support his new fair, unbiased and probably better service. But CEO Trump can.

Be careful what you wish for, Big Tech. President Trump had at least one hand tied behind his back. CEO Trump will not.

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Three domestic priorities for the next administration

Next administration must address youth unemployment, illegal immigration and marijuana regulation

By George W. Liebmann

Perhaps one of the forgotten 4 million voters who supported Govs. Gary Johnson and William Weld despite the systematic disparagement of them by the mass media in 2016, and who was also a Republican for Biden may be permitted to suggest three domestic priorities to the new administration.

The first of these is youth unemployment. I believe the president will at least partially disarm many of his critics if he follows Franklin Roosevelt's example and makes proposals to deal with this almost his first order of business. The first Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp was opened barely three months after Roosevelt's inauguration. The extent to which the Obama administration acquiesced in a lost generation in our large cities and declining rural areas was really quite scandalous. The only sentence in the dispiriting 2012 Republican convention which resonated was Paul Ryan's reference to the unemployed youth reclining idly in his parents' basement looking at a fading Obama poster.

Anotion of reciprocity of obligation, rather than a dole, underlaid the youth employment programs of the New Deal, most notably the Civilian Conservation Corps, organized by Gen. George Marshall, where he made his reputation, in which millions of young men received work-readiness training in exchange for unskilled or semi-skilled labor on projects of a type that are still needed: soil conservation, flood control, reforestation, land reclamation, and the creation of new national parks and trails.

Workers under the age of 25 might be excused from payroll taxation as in Germany and more recently in Poland and Croatia, a uniform and self-executing measure that would be far less expensive than the 2% across-the-board payroll tax holiday temporarily enacted by the Obama administration as an economic stimulus measure, and younger workers might also be given access to the U.S. EmploymentService, now an almost moribund agency serving recipients of unemployment insurance.

The second subject is illegal immigration. The administration will have its hands full deporting immigrants who have committed criminal offenses, and rendering the laws relating to new immigrants less perverse by emphasizing skills more than importation of relatives.

Illegal immigration may also yield to solutions based on the traditional American preference for the association of benefits and obligations, federalism



and local control. One can conceive of a regime in which millions of law-abiding illegal immigrants who have successfully established themselves in the United States are granted resident alien status on condition that they, their friends, family or employers pay a substantial application fee or civil penalty, perhaps of \$5,000 per person. This can scarcely be described as “amnesty”

The billions of dollars thus raised might be earmarked for programs designed to address illegal immigration at its source, by improving public health services and the availability of nurse practitioners

in the Central American countries with abnormally high birth rates and by expanding the Merida program for police training there.

In addition, the nation's dormant local Selective Service boards, consisting of 11,000 respected local civic volunteers, might be employed to assist in the vetting of applicants for permits and the organization of settlement houses and language classes; such bodies inspire more confidence than the Washington-based Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Finally, the much-vexed problem of suffrage and the attendant demands for “paths to citizenship”

could be left to the states, as Article I, Sections 2 and 4 of the U.S. Constitution contemplate. Prior to the early 1920s, nearly two dozen states enfranchised resident aliens, their actions in doing so being effective for both state and federal elections. After 1872, women's suffrage spread gradually through the states for 50 years (and may have been decisive in the 1916 presidential election) prior to the adoption of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

The third subject is marijuana regulation. The federal prohibition has never been effective. Sumptuary laws cannot be enforced when resisted by 20% of an age cohort. This was recognized 20 years ago, to their ever-lasting credit, by Gov. Johnson and by Mayor Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore. The numerous state referenda render continuance of the federal prohibition untenable. It can be dispensed with, without an act of Congress, by reclassifying the drug.

The classification scheme admits of several policy options. One of them would require recreational users to have an initial interview with a physician before obtaining what would amount to a perpetual (or perhaps renewable) prescription, providing an opportunity for education as to effects on health. Federal legalization would also allow for the imposition of labelling standards and quality controls, now absent, similar to those under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

The administration should get out in front of this issue and should not commit itself to a hopeless rear-guard action which, even if successful, would require a vast increase in federal police personnel. There should be a serious campaign, similar to that respecting tobacco, to caution against the perils of marijuana use.

The chief such peril is de-motivation during the undergraduate years; secondary perils include “bad trips” and the possibility of addiction. The principal advantages of legalization are the defunding of the underworld; the elimination of hundreds of thousands of marijuana arrests each year, with lifetime consequences for a large portion of the youth of our inner cities; a reduction in the homicides resulting from disputes among drug dealers; and the elimination of a multitude of points of friction between inner-city populations and the police.

As with alcohol, private tragedies will not disappear, but the traffic will no longer be a source of crime, corruption and civil disturbances in large cities.

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George Liebmann is the author of a number of books on public policy, including “America's Political Inventors” (Bloomsbury 2019).

America's two-party system depends on fear

Voting for a candidate's policies beats voting against the 'lesser evil,' and a third-party choice would help

By Emilie Dye

Just ask a Chicago Cubs fan — it's never fun to root for a losing team. But when it comes to elections, that doesn't mean rooting for a loser isn't worth it. When a few thousand votes decide an election, candidates notice the percentage points they lost to other parties and listen to the voices of third-party voters.

So, if we don't feel represented, why do we keep voting for the two parties as though we don't have another option? Fear. But we shouldn't be afraid.

Trump and Biden supporters had one thing in common: They want to preserve our democracy. It makes sense. The two major parties tell us we're facing the end of America as we know it if the other guy wins.

The Republican and Democratic parties make up one of the world's largest and most powerful duopolies. Every election year, each party brings in billions campaigning against the other, and this

year their individual earnings amounted to more than twice the GDP of the Dominican Republic. To me, that means they want new competition about as much as Samsung and Apple want another smartphone company to pop up.

The parties have perfected the art of attacking each other by running emotional campaign ads. When it comes to the political rat race, people choose to vote, volunteer and donate based on emotion. Sadly, in this election that emotion is fear. When we're scared, we act irrationally. This election has already torn apart many relationships. Wives have threatened to leave husbands, kids have disowned parents and families wonder if Thanksgiving dinner really is such a good idea. It even makes the news when neighbors with different political views manage to remain friends.

It doesn't have to be this way.

As two-sided as this election has become, I think — and I doubt I'm alone in this — that neither presidential candidate accurately represents my worldview. In fact, both Donald Trump and Joe Biden diverge from my beliefs on issues I consider indispensable. Trying to choose between the two, I was stuck deciding which issues mattered most to me and which I could compromise.

That turned out to be an impossible decision.

When I was filling in my ballot, I knew I wasn't scared enough of one candidate to compromise on my beliefs just to stave off four years of the other. If in the future enough people come to the same conclusion, the major parties will be forced to take note. Instead of abandoning my views to side with one candidate, I'm taking the long-run approach. If they want my vote, I'm going to demand the parties create good policies, not merely good attack ads.

After the dust clears and voters

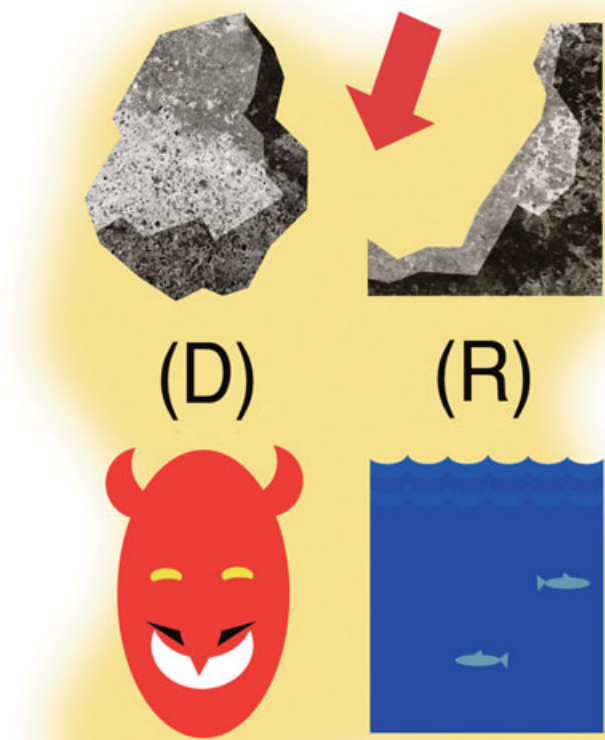


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see the policies pushed by their candidate, they're often unhappy. Then four years later, we do it all again, guaranteeing we never get a candidate who fights for policies we support. Many of us are too quick to give away our vote. A third-party vote isn't a throw away vote. It gives voice to a viewpoint that has been ignored too long.

According to a 2018 Gallup

poll, 57% of Americans think we need a third party and only 38% think the major parties represent them well. In fact, despite the two-party status quo, 1.6 million Americans voted for Jo Jorgensen. In Wyoming, Libertarian candidate Marshall Burt won the statehouse. All in all, the Libertarian Party won 13 local elections.

Just because a candidate wins a majority of votes doesn't mean

they represent the majority of the American people. Many simply voted for a candidate they detest because they feared the other guy.

I'm worried, too. I have no idea what a longer Trump presidency or a fresh Biden presidency will do to the United States, but it doesn't seem like it'll be good. Even so, I'm not willing to silence myself and “vote for the lesser evil.” You don't have to be, either. To quote President Franklin Roosevelt, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” Maybe, then, we should stop voting against bad candidates and instead vote for policies and candidates we can genuinely get behind. That's really the only way we've got of changing the shape of our democracy for the better.

If that candidate is Mr. Trump or Mr. Biden for you, congratulations — your guy might win. If not, know that in four years you can make your vote count by voting third party. And that's not a waste. If we keep voting out of fear rather than for candidates who most represent our values, the American people are always doomed to lose.

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From page B1

advanced drones and F-35 fighter planes.

With the Palestinians no longer holding veto power over the Arab world's national security strategy, the accords demonstrated Israel could build diplomatic, trade and security relationships with the UAE, an increasingly powerful and influential Gulf State, without first settling the Palestinian conflict. Israel will look to develop commercial and financial ties with its other Arab neighbors, which should have the positive ancillary result of countering China's economic push in the region.

Resetting his country's foreign policy in such an unprecedented direction not without political risk, so Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohamad bin Zayed deserves the highest accolades for the sort of visionary leadership on which the

future prosperity and peace of the Middle East will depend.

Becoming the first Gulf State and only the third Arab nation to open relations with Israel, the UAE is poised to expand its already considerable influence in the region and beyond. Although the Emirates' oil reserves are the sixth largest in the world and its natural gas reserves the seventh, the national economy is the most diversified in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Dubai is an internationally recognized financial and trade hub.

The UAE is the only country in the Middle East which has a U.S. border pre-clearance, which U.S. Customs and Border Protection offices staff at the ultra-modern airport in Abu Dhabi.

During the past few years, the UAE has significantly upgraded its military capability. Dubbed the “Little Sparta” by the Pentagon, UAE armed forces are equipped with the most modern military equipment and implement highly

sophisticated battlefield tactics. The UAE has been especially assertive in the region, including in conflicts in Libya and Yemen.

I know first-hand, based on my experience working with UAE national security officials while serving as the chief of CIA's Middle East Division, that the UAE is one of this country's most trusted and valued counterterrorism partners.

The UAE has also taken steps to improve its treatment of women and migrant workers as well as strengthen freedoms of the press and assembly. But it is the UAE judicial system, which will be



in the spotlight because of its impact on the global trade and commerce, where the Abraham Accords have the potential to provide a turbo boost to reform.

In one recent high-profile case, the Dubai Court of Cassation rejected an appeal by Tatiana Akhmedova, the former wife of Farkhad Akhmedov, an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin. After the couple divorced in 2014, Mrs. Akhmedova's legal team demanded custody of her ex-husband's super yacht MV Luna, which the London High Court in 2016 awarded to her as part of an approximately \$500 million settlement.

The size of the divorce settlement might have been what sparked global news coverage, but it was the Dubai court's decision claiming the London High Court ruling was not enforceable in the UAE — because it was conflicted with Islamic sharia law and the UAE's own personal status law — which unnerved international investors and business.

The question going forward is whether the dissonant legal rulings might be a harbinger of future judicial conflict.

The Abraham Accords would never have happened without deep mutual respect for cross-cultural, ethnic and religious differences among the signatories. But the agreement's ultimate value will depend as much on resolving any potential legal discord, which would obstruct its ability of the Trump administration's breakthrough to serve as powerful force multiplier for commerce and a boost to cooperation on pressing diplomatic and security issues.

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PRINCE WILLIAM JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No: JJ145274-04-00

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **HAITHCOCK, CHRISTOPHER**

The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING

It is ORDERED that the defendant **MICHAEL WILLIAM SMITH** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **November 23,2020 01:30 PM.**

DATE October 2, 2020

Evelyn Ruiz CLERK

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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PRINCE WILLIAM JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No: JJ145274-04-00

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **HAITHCOCK, CHRISTOPHER**

The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING

It is ORDERED that the defendant **JOHN DOE** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **November 23,2020 01:30 PM.**

DATE October 2, 2020

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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PRINCE WILLIAM JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No: JJ149286-01-01

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **WILBURN, CHANCE KATHERINE**

The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING

It is ORDERED that the defendant **JOSEPH WILBURN** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **November 30,2020 11:00 AM.**

DATE October 7, 2020

Evelyn Ruiz CLERK

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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PRINCE WILLIAM JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No: JJ145275-04-00

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **HAITHCOCK, MARCUS**

The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING

It is ORDERED that the defendant **MICHAEL WILLIAM SMITH** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **November 23,2020 01:30 PM.**

DATE October 2, 2020

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PRINCE WILLIAM JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No: JJ149876-01-00

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **AYALA SEGOVIA, HEIDY GABRIELA**

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN CUSTODY OF HEIDY GABRIELA AYALA SEGOVIA.

It is ORDERED that the defendant **GERVIS ALCIDES ROMERO ORELLANA** appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before **December 9,2020 11:00 AM.**

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The object of this suit is to: CONDUCT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Frances C. Wilburn, Esq. at 240-507-1712.

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JUDICIAL DRIVE TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT

CITY OF FAIRFAX

PUBLIC HEARING

December 8, 2020, 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

at City Hall

10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030

Find out about the proposed Judicial Drive Trail Connection project that would complete approximately 500 feet of missing trail from Presbyterian Way to the trail head that dead ends at the Fairfax Nursing Home property line. The City of Fairfax has a right-of-way that provides for the construction of an 8 to10-foot wide trail. The trail would meet all Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. On the west end, the trail would connect to the already constructed portion at Presbyterian Way. On the east end the trail would connect to the already constructed portion on the Jaguar/Yorktown parcels. This connection will provide for an ADA accessible trail on public right-of-way and would no longer require trail users to exit onto the church parking lot and use the current switchback trail, which is not ADA accessible.

Review project plans, information about property impacts, right of way policies, the tentative construction schedule and environmental documents at the hearing. This information will also be available 30 days prior to the public hearing at 10455 Armstrong Street, Room 123, Fairfax, VA 22030. Due to COVID19 an appointment may be required to view documents. Please contact Cathy Salgado at Cathy.Salgado@fairfaxva.gov if appointments are still required.

All interested parties may express their views by submitting an email to publichearing@fairfaxva.gov or through Connect 2 on the City's Homepage, www.fairfaxva.gov. or submit them by December 18, 2020 to Cathy Salgado at the City of Fairfax, 10455 Armstrong Street, Room 123, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 or Cathy.Salgado@fairfaxva.gov.

This public hearing may be conducted electronically in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to emergency procedures currently in place in the City of Fairfax, and is available for live viewing on Cityscreen-12 (Channel 12 on Cox Cable and Verizon FIOS) and on the City's website . To access the live stream on the web, click on the "City Meetings" button on the City's Homepage (www.fairfaxva.gov) and then click on the "Watch Live!" button on the Meeting and Documents and Archived Media Webpage.

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UPDATE:
VDOT Project:
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UPC 113614

Federal Project:
TAP 5B01(014)

Run Dates: November 6th, 2020
November 27th, 2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fairfax at its meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is being held electronically pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-27, and as otherwise permitted by law, and is available for live viewing on Cityscreen-12 (Channel 12 on Cox Cable and Verizon FIOS) and on the City's website . To access the live stream on the web, click on the "City Meetings" button on the City's Homepage (www.fairfaxva.gov) and then click on the "Watch Live!" button on the Meeting and Documents and Archived Media Webpage. The meeting will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

An amendments to the FY 2022 Budget Guidelines.

All interested parties may express their views by submitting an email to publichearing@fairfaxva.gov or through Connect 2 on the City's Homepage, www.fairfaxva.gov. All reports will be available electronically five (5) days prior to the meeting date and on the City of Fairfax webpage at www.fairfaxva.gov. To request a copy of the staff report please email publichearing@fairfaxva.gov. The City will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled upon request received at least five days prior to the meeting; please call 703-385-7935, (TTY 711) for assistance.

Melanie Crowder,
City Clerk

Run Dates: November 6th, 2020
November 13th, 2020

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FAIRFAX COUNTY NOTICE

November 17, 2020

Public hearing before the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, to be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. If, however, a physical meeting is unsafe due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board may meet electronically.

TIME SUBJECT

3:00 p.m. Public hearing to receive comment from citizens on the proposed legislative program that the County will present to the 2021 Virginia General Assembly. The Board is scheduled to vote on the legislative program on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Copies of the proposed legislative program will be available under 2021 Board Legislative Reports on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/>.

3:00 p.m. Public hearing on a proposed ordinance that establishes a method to assure continuity in Fairfax County government by approving temporary County-operated hypothermia prevention shelters and authorizing a streamlined process for approving temporary use modifications in response to the emergency. Virginia law authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adopt ordinances that will “assure continuity in its government” in the event of a disaster, and the COVID-19 emergency constitutes a disaster under the law. The proposed ordinance establishes a method for assuring continuity in government by approving temporary County-operated hypothermia prevention shelters in certain specified locations and authorizing a streamlined process for approving temporary modifications being made to an activity, use, or structure in response to the emergency. Locations identified as potential hypothermia prevention shelter sites include:

- 1. South County Building – 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309.
- 2. Lincolnia Senior Center – 4710 N Chambliss Street, Alexandria, VA 22312.
- 3. North County Human Services Building – 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190.
- 4. Braddock Glen (Senior Center) – 4027-B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032.
- 5. Government Center – 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.
- 6. Pennino Building – 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.
- 7. Herrity Building – 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.
- 8. Former Container Store – 8508 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182.

The ordinance provides for the resumption of normal governmental authority, and it does not apply to any town unless a town’s government body votes to be subject to it. On October 6, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted such an ordinance on an emergency basis. The ordinance proposed for passage on November 17, 2020, will repeal and replace the emergency ordinance.

3:00 p.m. SE 2019-MA-014 - LORA L. SEEDS, SE Appl. under Sects. 2-306 and 9-610 of the Zoning Ordinance to a permit waiver of minimum lot width requirements. Located at 5824 Dawes Ave., Alexandria, 22311 on approx. 1.21 ac. of land zoned R-3. Mason District. Tax Map 61-4 ((1)) 149.

3:00 p.m. SEA 2018-MA-008 - TRUSTEES OF LINCOLNIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LUCA’S RAINBOW BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL LLC, SEA Appl. under Sect. 3-204 of the Zoning Ordinance to amend SE 2018-MA-008 previously approved for a place of worship with a child care center to add land area and modify development conditions and associated modifications to site design. Located at 6323 and 6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, 22312 on approx. 2.85 ac. of land zoned R-2 and HC. Mason District. Tax Map 72-3 ((1)) 60 and 72-4 ((1)) 10.

3:30 p.m. RZ 2019-SP-014 - BRIGHTVIEW SENIOR LIVING DEVELOPMENT, LLC, RZ Appl. to rezone from R-1 and WS to PDH-4 and WS to permit additional land area for an independent living and assisted living facility with no increase in density or intensity. Located on the S. side of Lee Hwy. approx. 450 ft. W. of Summit Dr., on approx. 0.16 ac. of land. Comp. Plan Rec: Residential at 1-2 du/ac. Springfield District. Tax Map 55-4 ((1)) 36B. (Concurrent with PCA/CDPA 2017-SP-017).

3:30 p.m. PCA/CDPA 2017-SP-017 - BRIGHTVIEW SENIOR LIVING DEVELOPMENT, LLC, PCA and CDPA Appl(s). to amend the proffers and conceptual development plan for RZ 2017-SP-017, previously approved for independent living and an assisted living facility, to permit independent living and an assisted living facility and associated modifications to proffers and site design at a density of 15.16 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) and a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.21. Located on the S. side of Lee Hwy. approx. 450 ft. W. of its intersection with Summit Dr., on approx. 5.62 ac. of land zoned PDH-4 and WS. Comp. Plan Rec: Residential at 1-2 du/ac with an option for independent/assisted living at 4 du/ac. Springfield District. Tax Map 55-4 ((1)) 31A. (Concurrent with RZ 2019-SP-014).

3:30 p.m. RZ 2020-SU-006 - CAPE THERESA, LLC, RZ Appl. to rezone from I-3 and I-5, WS, and AN to I-5, WS and AN to permit a contractor’s office and a materials storage yard with an overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.09. Located in the N.E. quadrant of Murdock St. (Rt. 668) and Glorus Rd. on approx. 3.04 ac. of land. Comp. Plan Rec: Industrial. Sully District. Tax Map 33-2 ((2)) 15 and 16A.

3:30 p.m. PCA 86-W-001-13/CDPA 86-W-001-04 - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, PCA and CDPA Appl(s). to amend the proffers and conceptual development plan for RZ 86-W-001, previously approved for governmental center, office, commercial, and residential, to permit a public facility and associated modifications to proffers and site design at a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.078. Located on the S. side of Random Hills Rd. and N. side of Monument Dr., on approx. 0.99 ac. of land zoned PDC. Comp. Plan Rec: Baseline – Office use up to 0.25 (FAR) or Public Facilities; Overlay – Office mixed use up to 0.35 (FAR) or Public Facilities. Braddock District. Tax Map 56-1 ((15)) 4. (Concurrent with PCA 87-S-039-07 and CDPA 87-S-039-02).

3:30 p.m. PCA 87-S-039-07/CDPA 87-S-039-02 - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, PCA and CDPA Appl(s). to amend the proffers and conceptual development plan for RZ 87-S-039, previously approved for a mixed-use development, to permit a public facility and associated modifications to proffers and site design at Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.078. Located on the S. side of Random Hills Rd., W. side of Government Center Pkwy. and N. side of Monument Dr. on approx. 2.83 ac. of land zoned PDC. Comp. Plan Rec: Baseline – Office use up to 0.25 (FAR); Overlay – Office mixed-use up to 0.35 (FAR) or 300-room hotel use. Braddock District. Tax Map 56-1 ((1)) 47C. (Concurrent with PCA 86-W-001-13 and CDPA 86-W-001-04).

3:30 p.m. PCA 78-S-063-08 - STANLEY MARTIN COMPANIES, LLC, PCA Appl. to amend the proffers for RZ 78-S-063 previously approved for office to delete 12.04 acres to be included in concurrent RZ 2019-SU-005. Located on the E. side of Westfields Blvd. and N. side of Newbrook Dr. on approx. 12.04 ac. of land zoned I-3, WS and AN. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed Use Development. Sully District. Tax Map 44-1 ((8)) 5 and 6. (Concurrent with RZ 2019-SU-005).

3:30 p.m. RZ 2019-SU-005 - STANLEY MARTIN COMPANIES, LLC, RZ Appl. to rezone from I-3, WS, and AN to PDH-16, WS, and AN to permit residential development with an overall density of 11.13 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) including bonus density for the provision of Affordable Dwelling Units (ADUs), and approval of the conceptual development plan. Located on the E. side of Westfields Blvd. and N. side of Newbrook Dr. on approx. 12.04 ac. of land. Comp. Plan Rec: Mixed Use Development. Sully District. Tax Map 44-1 ((8)) 5 and 6. (Concurrent with PCA 78-S-063-08).

4:00 p.m. Public hearing to consider proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax County, VA, at the time indicated. The following is a descriptive summary only of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment and may not include every detail: Plan Amendment #2019-III-FC1 concerns approx. 109.5 ac. containing the Fair Oaks Mall, associated surface parking lots, and stormwater ponds, generally located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Interstate 66 and Route 50 (Tax Map Parcel # 46-3 ((8)) 1A, 1C, 1D, 2, 4A, 5, 6, 6A, 7, 10, 11, 13, 46-4 ((9)) 8, 56-1 ((12)) 9, 14) in the Springfield Supervisor District. The area is planned for up to 0.65 FAR of retail, residential, hotel and office uses, with options for up to 0.8 FAR or 1.0 FAR of development subject to funding of either Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) or a Metrorail extension to serve the area and certain roadway improvements. The amendment will consider mixed-use development with a higher percentage of residential use that may be developed to 1.0 FAR without the availability of BRT or Metrorail service. and the roadway improvements. Additional recommendations relating to the transportation network and other conditions for development, such as urban design and stormwater management, may also be modified. Interested parties may review the staff report, which includes the proposed amendment, on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/staff-reports or by calling the Planning Division office at 703-324-1380, TTY 711 to make alternative arrangements. With prior arrangement, the staff report may be obtained from the Planning Division office, 12055 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 730, Fairfax, VA. Questions regarding the proposed Plan amendment may be directed to the Planning Division at 703-324-1380, TTY 711. The Planning Commission (PC) recommendation may be viewed online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/verbatim-home> or by calling the PC office at 703-324-2865, TTY 711 to make alternative arrangements. With prior arrangement, PC recommendation may be obtained from the PC office, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 552, Fairfax, VA.

4:00 p.m. Public hearing on the matter of an amendment to Chapter 104 (Erosion and Sedimentation Control) of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (County Code) related to enforcement of the ordinance. The proposed amendment includes revisions to the provisions for monitoring, inspections, notices, stop work orders, violations, penalties, injunctions, and other legal actions. The proposed amendment to the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance includes the following: 1) Reorganization of Sections 104-1-5 and 104-1-12 for clarity and to align the ordinance with the current process for issuing inspection reports, notices of violations and stop work orders. 2) Elimination or revision of outdated language to reflect current language in the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law and associated regulations. 3) Addition of a statement, new Subsection 104-1-5(c), that failure to comply with an approved plan, including any plan alterations, is a violation and the permittee or the person responsible for carrying out the plan is subject to penalties under the ordinance. 4) Deletion of a redundant requirement from Subsection 104-1-5(a) that an individual holding a certificate of competence, as provided by Virginia Code, § 62.1-44.15:52, will be in charge of and responsible for carrying out the land-disturbing activity. 5) Incorporation of a provision for the use of civil penalties in lieu of criminal sanctions for violations of any regulation or order of the State Water Control Board, any provision of the County Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance, any condition of a permit, or any provision of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law. The civil penalty for any one violation ranges from \$100 to \$1,000, and each day during which the violation exists is a separate offense with a maximum total penalty of \$10,000. 6) Editorial and minor revisions including changing “shall” to “will” or “must” or “may” throughout the sections of the ordinance being amended.

The public hearings are available to view live on Channel 16 and stream live online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/live-video-stream. Live audio of the meeting may be accessed at 703-324-7700. Those wishing to testify may do so in person, unless the meeting is held electronically, or via phone or pre-recorded YouTube video. Speakers wishing to testify via video must register by signing up online below or by calling the Department of Clerk Services at 703-324-3151, TTY 711, and must submit their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing. Speakers wishing to testify via phone must sign up to testify no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be placed on the Speakers List. Speakers not on the Speakers List may be heard after the registered speakers have testified. In addition, written testimony and other submissions will be received by mail at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, 22035 or by email at ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov. More information on the ways to testify can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/clerkservices/ways-provide-public-hearing-testimony>.

As required by law, copies of the full text of proposed ordinances, plans and amendments, as applicable, as well as other documents relating to the aforementioned subjects, are on file and available for review at the Office of the Clerk for the Board of Supervisors and on the County’s website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov. To make arrangements to view the documents, please contact the Office of the Clerk for the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

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Ad Run Dates: October 30th, 2020
November 6th, 2020

AD#44768

Legal Notices

Notice to Creditors of a Settlor of a Revocable Trust

To all persons interested in the trust of BARBARA P. LOUGHLIN: This is to give notice that BARBARA P. LOUGHLIN died on or about September 30, 2020. Before the decedent’s death, the decedent created a revocable trust for which the undersigned, THOMAS J. LOUGHLIN, whose address is 332 Summer Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, is now trustee. To have a claim satisfied from the property of this trust, a person who has a claim against the decedent must present the claim on or before the date that is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the undersigned trustee at the address stated above. The claim must include the following information: 1. A verified written statement of the claim indicating its basis; 2. The name and address of the claimant; 3. If the claim is not yet due, the date on which it will become due; 4. If the claim is contingent, the nature of the contingency; 5. If the claim is secured, a description of the security; and 6. The specific amount claimed. Any claim not presented to the trustee on or before that date or any extension provided by law is unenforceable.

THOMAS J. LOUGHLIN, Trustee

October 23,30, 2020
November 6, 2020
Ad#45633

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that Figure Lending LLC at 100 West Liberty St, Suite 600, Reno, NV 89501 has made application to engage in the business of loaning money for the license year ending December 31, 2020 as provided by the Act of Congress, approved February 14, 1913. Anyone desiring to protest against the issuance of this license should do so in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, 1050 First Street, NE, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20002, in the manner prescribed by said Act. See DC Code Title 26, Chapter 9 and 16 DCMR 2.

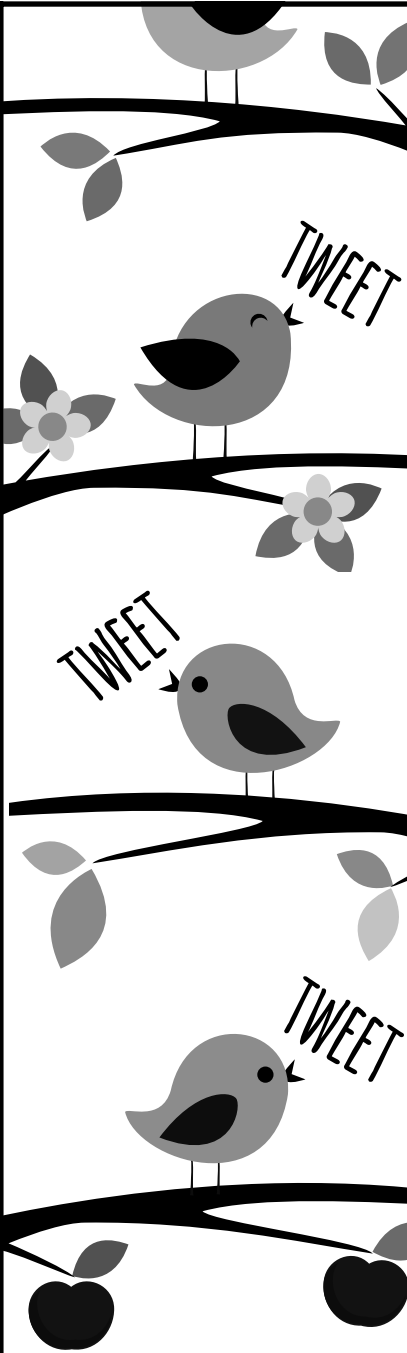
October 22,23,29,30, 2020
November 5,6, 2020
Ad#43754

KIPP DC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Reusable Masks

KIPP DC is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for Reusable Masks. The RFP can be found on KIPP DC’s website at www.kippdc.org/procurement. Proposals should be uploaded to the website no later than 5:00 PM ET on November 18, 2020. Questions can be addressed to tania.honig@kippdc.org.

November 6, 2020 Ad#44860



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Legal Notices

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF ARLINGTON CO., VA, on November 2, 2020 in a virtual meeting at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as matters may be heard, will consider the following cases, after offering the public an opportunity to be heard in a public hearing. The public may attend the virtual meeting via live stream at www.arlingtonva.us, YouTube and local cable stations on Comcast 25 & 1085 and Verizon FIOS 39 & 40. To speak at the virtual meeting, visit <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/planning-commission/> or call 703-228-0095 between 8am and 5pm starting the week before the meeting; and

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON CO., VA, on November 14, 2020 in a virtual meeting at 9:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as matters may be heard, will consider the following cases, after offering the public an opportunity to be heard in a public hearing. The public may attend the virtual meeting via live stream at www.arlingtonva.us and local cable stations on Comcast 25 & 1085 and Verizon FIOS 39 & 40. To speak at the virtual meeting, visit www.countyboard.arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-3130 between 8am and 5pm starting the week before the meeting;

NOTE: Copies of proposed plans, ordinances, amendments and applications, and related planning case materials may be examined in the Zoning Office, Suite 1000; or text of proposed County Code amendments in County Board Clerk's Office, Suite 300; 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA, 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. weekdays. The term Site Plan in this notice refers to Special Exception in County Zoning Ordinance and is not the same as an engineering site plan or construction plans submitted in satisfaction of other codes or ordinances. The terms ACZO and GLUP means Arlington County Zoning Ordinance and General Land Use Plan, respectively.

THE FOLLOWING CASE TO BE HEARD BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNTY BOARD:

Z-2622-20-1 Rezoning from the RA7-16 zoning district to the C-O-2.5 zoning district and related update to ACZO Map 13-1 to indicate the Zoning District and extend Line A around the property boundary where necessary. Property is approximately 60,000 sq. ft.; located at 1720 S. Fern St. (RPC# 35-008-232).

Kendra Jacobs,
Clerk to the County Board

Publication dates: October 30th, 2020
November 6th, 2020

AD#44852

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division

New Management Services LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civ. Action No. 1:20-cv-1072 (TSE/IDD)

newrngtservices.com, *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF ACTION

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order to Publish Notice of Action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(2)(A)(ii)(I)(bb) and Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law and Declaration in support thereof, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That a copy of this Order be published in *The Washington Times* or *The Washington Post* within fourteen (14) days after entry of this Order and that a declaration be filed on Plaintiffs' behalf, no later than twenty (20) days after the entry of this Order, describing the steps that have been taken to comply with this Order.

2. That the defendant domain names newrngtservices.com, newmrgtservices.com, eoscar.com, eoscar.net, e-oscar.net (the "Domain Names") are hereby advised:

A. Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint charging the Domain Names with violation of the Anti-Cybersquatting Consumer Protection Act and the Lanham Act. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from Plaintiffs' counsel, David E. Weslow, Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 719-7000.

B. In the event the Plaintiffs prevail against the Domain Names, remedies could include the forfeiture or cancellation of the Domain Names, transfer of the Domain Names to the Plaintiffs in this action, and/or entry of an award of Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees.

C. Any answer or other response to the Complaint should be filed with the Clerk of Court, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, 401 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-5798 within twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication of this Order in *The Washington Times* or *The Washington Post*. If no appearance or pleading is filed as required by this Order, this Court may render a judgment against the Domain Names which could include the forfeiture or cancellation of the Domain Names or the transfer of the Domain Names to the Plaintiffs.

Entered this 3rd day of November, 2020.

/s/ Ivan D. Davis
Hon. Ivan D. Davis
United States Magistrate Judge

Run Date: November 6th, 2020

AD#45045

Trustee Sales:
Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 8103 MARTHA WASHINGTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22309. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 22, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$188,755.71 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia, in Book 17569 at Page 1021 as Instrument No. 2005030331.005 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA on December 3, 2020, at 9:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: LOT NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN (47) OF THE SUBDIVISION OF "MT. VERNON WOODS, SECTION THREE", AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED AMONG THE FAIRFAX COUNTY LAND RECORDS BY DEED OF DEDICATION DATED MAY 2, 1950 AND RECORDED MAY 5, 1950, IN DEED BOOK 762 AT PAGE 457. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Forre Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-335021-2.

October 30th, 2020
November 6th, 2020

AD#44754

Auctions: Virginia

Storage Line of Maryland, LLC (t/a APT Storage), Box 767, Haymarket, VA 20168, pursuant to the assertion of a lien for rental of a storage unit, will hold a public auction for the sale of all goods in a storage unit to take place at 10:00 AM on Thurs, Nov 12, at storage unit #5025 located at Westwood Tower, 5401 Westward Ave. Bethesda, MD 20816 to satisfy the lien. All terms of the sale are cash. Call 800-217-4280 for questions.

Run: Nov 6, 2020
AD#44957

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Auctions: Virginia

Online Real Estate Auction: Commercial Opportunity in the City of Buena Vista, Virginia. 10 properties, located on Magnolia Avenue or Forest Avenue, most are eligible for New Market Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits. Bidding opens November 1 and closes November 17, 1 PM. If you need bidding assistance, representatives will be available November 17 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the House Mountain Inn, 455 Lonesome Dove Trail, Lexington, VA 24450. You may preview the properties on November 1 and 6 from Noon to 3 PM at "Ramsey", 2076 Magnolia Ave location. 5% Buyer's Premium. For more information, contact Reaves Ward, REALTOR at 540-597-4607 or visit woltz.com. Woltz & Associates, Inc. Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers (VA #321) 800-551-3588.

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Trustee Sales:
Virginia

TRUSTEE'S SALE
21265 Lady Fern Place
Ashburn, VA 20148

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated June 21, 2018 and recorded on June 26, 2018 in Instrument # 20180626-0036354 of Loudoun County land records, Trustee Services of Virginia, LLC, the appointed Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Loudoun County Circuit Court House located at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg Virginia on December 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM the property more particularly described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust, located at the property address listed below and briefly identified as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate in the City of Ashburn, County of Loudoun, Commonwealth of Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

Lot One Hundred Thirty-Four (134), Phase 2B, Belmont Glen Village, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed of Dedication, Subdivision, Easement, Supplementary Declaration, Conveyance and Vacation recorded as Instrument #20121207-0097052. Plat at #20121207-0097053, among the Land Records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

Parcel ID: 196-40-4879-000

Commonly known as: 21265 Lady Fern Place, Ashburn, VA 20148

Tax No.: 196-40-4879-000

Property address: 21265 Lady Fern Place, Ashburn, VA 20148

The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, as might be listed in this notice or may be announced at the sale.

The property is further sold subject to a deed of trust dated 05/21/2016 and recorded 05/27/2016 Instrument # 20160527-0032156 among the said county/city land records and to all other prior liens and encumbrances of record.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of \$6,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is less, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale, except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss is on the purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 14 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses, and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a forbearance, repayment, or other agreement was entered into, the loan was reinstated or paid off, or whether the property became subject to an automatic stay under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, this law firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(19-17406)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC
(Attorney for
TRUSTEE SERVICES OF VIRGINIA, LLC)
484 Viking Drive, Suite 203
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(757) 213-2959

November 6th, 2020
November 13th, 2020

AD#45023

Auctions: Virginia

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self - Storage unit contents will be sold for cash by Self Storage Plus to satisfy a lien for rental on November 11th, 2020 at approximately 10:00 AM at www.storage-treasures.com for the following location: 2505 Caton Hill Rd, Woodbridge, VA, 22192. The contents of approximately 2 units will be sold.

Self Storage Plus - Potomac Mills
November 11, 2020
10:00 AM
2505 Caton Hill Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22192
2 Units

Run Date: November 6th, 2020

AD#44950

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction at the location indicated: 43923 Centergate Dr., Ashburn, VA 20148
November 12th, 2020, 3:00 PM
Unit(s): 1071

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Run Date: November 6th, 2020

AD#45043

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-Storage unit contents will be sold for cash by Self Storage Plus to satisfy a lien for rental on **November 11th, 2020** at approximately **10:00 AM** at www.storage-treasures.com for the following location: **9461 Lorton Market Street, Lorton, VA 22079**. The contents of approximately 3 unit(s) will be sold.

Run Date: November 6th, 2020

AD#45019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self Storage unit contents will be sold for cash by Self Storage Plus-Fredericksburg to satisfy a lien for rental on **NOVEMBER 11, 2020** at approximately **10AM** at www.StorageTreasures.com for the following location: **7104 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407**. The contents of approximately 8 unit(s) will be sold.

Run Date: November 6th, 2020

AD#44961

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-Storage unit contents will be sold for cash by Self Storage Plus to satisfy a lien for rental on **November 10th, 2020** at approximately **11:00 AM** at www.storage-treasures.com for the following location: **2514 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, 22301**. The contents of approximately 2 unit(s) will be sold.

November 6, 2020

AD#45046

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Retiree encourages others to find hobbies and save money

DEAR ABBY: I retired a year ago from a stressful job because I couldn't take what it was doing to my health. Despite a divorce after a 35-year marriage 10 years ago, I had recovered financially. I was lucky to have landed a job in my early 30s that had an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan, and I contributed to it for 34 years, putting in as much as I could. I am able to collect enough Social Security and withdraw a small amount from the 401(k) to live as I did when I worked.

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DEAR ABBY

I always had hobbies, interests and things I wanted to do but never had time for. I have been very happy and busy ever since. During the quarantine, getting groceries was a bit of a challenge, but I live simply and had no problems.

I am shocked at all the furloughed people who are having fits and complaining that they are bored out of their minds. This should be a wake-up call that they need to get a life. For these people, retirement is going to be really hard. Also, they need to plan for the future and have a six- to 12-month emergency fund.

I have put old home movies on DVDs, reorganized photo albums, cleared out a lot of stuff to simplify my life, put in a vegetable garden, made a quilt. COVID or not, I am a busy woman. Can you encourage all those bored people to learn a new craft, try a new recipe, make a birdhouse, SOMETHING other than call this busy woman and distract me from my projects? — LIVING IT UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR LIVING: No, but YOU should certainly consider doing it. You can also make yourself less available to the complainers by putting your phone on mute during the hours you prefer not to be disturbed. This is not to say your suggestions aren't good ones, just that I have urged readers for years to prepare well in advance for retirement and discuss with their spouse (if they have one) how the realities of daily living will change when it comes to chores and conserving personal space.

DEAR ABBY: A man has been reaching out to me on social media for three years. He claims to be in love with me (after having met me once, briefly), and I think I believe him.

It's hard to explain, but I think I may feel the same way toward him. The problem is, I have ignored him for the last three years. I blocked him on all social media, but he keeps finding ways to contact me. He even had flowers delivered to my house. To tell the truth, I ghosted him because I'm terrified of what our "love at first sight" connection could mean. I have been hurt in the past, and I know a relationship of this magnitude could destroy me emotionally.

I feel terrible for ignoring him, but my friends and family insist that he is a stalker, and they would never understand if I decided to pursue a relationship with him. I feel paralyzed. What should I do? — CONFUSED OUT EAST

DEAR CONFUSED: If a relationship of this magnitude could destroy you emotionally, then I do not recommend pursuing it. Sane individuals who have been ignored for three years usually take the hint and walk away. Listen to your family. What this man has been doing is, to say the least, unusual and could, indeed, be considered stalking.

ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 6). You're so productive and successful over the next 10 weeks. It will be a little fun to know you inspire envy along with the other benefits your hard work reels in. A windfall in March is well-deserved. There's a crossroads in May, but don't worry because whatever you choose, you wind up in the same lovely place. Aries and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 38, 2, 11, 4 and 18.

HOLIDAY
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't get too hung up on nailing the accuracy of every decision right now because that will hold you back from making any choice at all. Best guesses are good enough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are times in life when it does seem as though all your happiness is dependent on a single outcome. It's an illusion, and if it's not helping you, then it's time to be more realistic about the stakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The limits on your perception include mechanisms adapted over hundreds of thousands of years to keep you safe and grounded in a shared reality. Even so, you'll challenge them and win.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one wants in on the process; they just want the transformation. That's fine. You can use the principle to your advantage. Do the transformational work. Don't talk about it. Put that energy into the price tag.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With a mind abuzz with ideas, wishes and dreams, just be sure to also spend a good deal of focus on the practical aspects of the present moment. If you don't enjoy today, pleasure stays out of reach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Projects, dreams and relationships have as much of a life cycle as anything that breathes. When it's over, it's over, and there's nothing that can revive it. The gift is a clean slate, the embrace of something entirely new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know how to buckle down and work hard, but that's not the best strategy for today. The situation asks you to envision solutions that are different from the ones that brought success in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a social genius. Not only do you play well with others, you also introduce people who wouldn't otherwise know one another. You put two and two together in a way that adds up to so much more than four.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some of the best people you know have fallen right into your life without ever being vetted in any way. You just happened upon greatness, and you will do it again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you do nothing, nothing happens. There's a time and place when "nothing" is just about the most perfect thing you could do! Not now though. Today, the risks will be worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll praise someone, and it will go straight to the heart. The other thing is that people are generally skeptical of flattery, but the way you do it is so pure that it dissolves defenses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a rare moment with a cosmic gift to match. What a boon! You'll have an idea about how to improve your life and, bonus, you will be completely right about it, too.

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TV Friday



James Corden stars in “Great Performances” Friday on PBS.

BEST BETS

MOVIE “The Greatest Show on Earth” / 8:00pm (TurnerCM) Some were miffed that this 1952 epic took the best picture Oscar over such formidable competition as “High Noon” and “The Quiet Man.” Perhaps it was a sympathy vote for director Cecil B. DeMille, whose only Oscar up until then had been honorary. The main storyline is a love triangle involving a circus manager (Charlton Heston), his trapeze artist girlfriend (Betty Hutton) and the new star (Cornel Wilde) who steals her spotlight and her heart. The film airs as part of TCM’s “Under the Big Top” November event, airing each Friday for the rest of the month.

MOVIE “The Christmas Yule Blog” / 8:00pm (Lifetime) 12:01am (Lifetime) Travel blogger Caroline Williams isn’t exactly thrilled when she gets assigned to cover the 100th anniversary of a Christmas parade in a small New Mexico town. Nevertheless, Caroline travels to the Southwestern community, where she meets Oscar Ortiz, a charismatic high school music teacher. To Caroline’s surprise, Oscar introduces her to a side of Christmas she’s never seen, one filled with different traditions and meanings that rekindle her appreciation of the holiday. Sara Canning and Zak Santiago star in this new 2020 romance.

Great Performances / 9:00pm (22) 1:00am (22) Before becoming a successful CBS late-night television host, James Corden enjoyed a stage triumph in both London and New York in “One Man, Two Guvnors,” an adaptation of a 1743 farce. The frantic comedy gives Corden a showpiece role as a musician turned bodyguard who flirts with disaster when he tries to earn extra cash by working for two rival mobsters. His tour-de-force performance earned Corden the coveted Tony Award on Broadway. Jenima Rooper, Oliver Chris, Daniel Rigby and Martyn Ellis also star.

LEGEND: (L)=Live (N)=New (ITV)=Interactive Television (PA)=Parental Advisory (Shaded)=Movies
TMS MOVIE RATINGS: ★★★★★ Excellent ★★★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

SPORTS

Premier League Soccer / 10:00am (SportsNET) Leeds United vs Leicester City.
Horse Racing / 2:00pm (NBCSP) Breeders’ Cup Series: Future Stars Friday. (N)
College Soccer / 4:00pm (MASN) Virginia Tech at Virginia. (N)
College Soccer / 7:00pm (MASN) Louisville at Notre Dame. (N)
College Football / 7:30pm (ESPN) Miami at NC State. (N)
High School Football / 8:00pm (ESPN2) St. Thomas Aquinas (Fla.) vs. American Heritage (Fla.). (N)
Korean Baseball / 11:55pm (ESPN2) LG Twins at Doosan Bears. From Jamsil Baseball Stadium in Seoul, Seoul-teukbyeolsi, Korea, Republic of. (N)

NEWS & TALK

Today / 7:00am (4) Information on the COVID-19 pandemic; chef Nina Compton; guitarist Kenny Neal.
Good Morning America / 7:00am (7) Kylie Minogue performs; deals and steals with Tory Johnson.
Live with Kelly and Ryan / 9:00am (7) Diane Lane (Let Him Go); holiday travel.
Rachael Ray / 10:00am (7) Chicken curry with a twist; Impractical Jokers bring their top three food clips from the show.
The Wendy Williams Show / 11:00am (5) Jeremy Meeks (True to the Game 2); chef Saul Montiel.
The View / 11:00am (7) Day of hot topics.
The Ellen DeGeneres Show / 3:00pm (4) Lily Tomlin (Radium Girls); Chelsea Handler, an 11-year-old magician performs.
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon / 11:35pm (4) Milo Ventimiglia; Marc Maron; Oneotrix Point Never.
Jimmy Kimmel Live! / 11:35pm (7) Actor Charlie Hunnam; Why Don’t We perform.

LOCAL	6:30 PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
NBC 4 NBC 11	4 News 11 NBC News	4 NBC News 11 Inside	Access Hollywood (N)	American Ninja Warrior “Finals 2” The remaining ninjas compete to win.				Dateline NBC Investigating a murder-for-hire plot. (N)		4 News 11 News	4 Tonight Show-J. Fallon 11 Tonight Show-J. Fallon	
FOX 5 FOX 45	5 Fox 5 News 45 FanFeud	5 Fox 5 45 Jeopardy	5 TMZ 45 Wheel		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)			5 Fox 5 News at 10 (N) 45 FOX 45 News at 10 (N)		5 News 45 News	5 The Final 5 45 Seinfeld	5 Extra (N) 45 Seinfeld
ABC 7 ABC 2	ABC World News CBS Evening News	7 Wheel 2 News	7 Jeopardy 2 Funny You	Shark Tank A salt alternative; a cake stand. (N)		901/20/20 “If Something Happens to Me...” The disappearance of Susan Powell. (N)		Blue Bloods Anthony is shot during an interview.		7 News 2 News	11:35 Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
CBS 9 CBS 13	9 Q&A 13 News	9 Q&A 13 News	9 ET	The Greatest AtHome Videos (N)		Magnum P.I. A pickpocket asks Magnum for help.		Blue Bloods Anthony is shot during an interview.		9 9 News 13 News	11:35 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	
MNTV 20	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Fox 5 News	Family Feud	Fox 5 News	Schitt’s Creek	Big Bang	Big Bang	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law Order: CI	
CW 50	Funny You	black-ish	black-ish	Masters of Frasier	Masters of Frasier	Animals	Animals	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Goldbergs
ION 4.2	Little House	The Munsters	The Munsters	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
ION 66	Law & Order	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order	Law & Order
PBS 22	NewsHour	State Circle	Artworks	Shetland		Great Performances Richard Bean’s One Man, Two Guvnors. (N)				McLaughlin	Shetland	
PBS 26.4	NHK Newline	Rising Voices/Hotaninpi	Keep Talking (2017)	First Language		First Language		PBS Newshour (N)		The Day	World News	Rising Voices
MOVIES	7:00 PM		8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00					
AMC	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King ★★ (2003) Elijah Wood. Humans and creatures unite to battle Sauron and his army.									Fear the Walking Dead	Talking Dead	
Flix	600 The Paper ★★ (1994) Michael Keaton.		Passenger 57 ★★ (1992) Wesley Snipes.							11:45 Dark Blue ★★ (2002)		
FXM	530 Ferdinand ★★ (2017)		720 The Emoji Movie ★ (2017, Children’s)							10:50 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul		
HBO	520 Red Tails ★★ (2012)		The Undoing “The Missing”		825 A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas			Real Time With Bill Maher (N)		John Wilson	Real Time With Bill Maher	
HBO2	Shop: Unintrp. REAL Sports Bryant Gumbel		Black Christmas ★★ (1974) Olivia Hussey.		835 Prometheus ★★ (2012, Sci-Fi) Noomi Rapace.					11:45 Ad Astra ★★ (2019)		
IFC	600 The Dark Knight Rises ★★ (2012, Act.) Christian Bale. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane.							Inglourious Basterds ★★ (2009, War) Brad Pitt, Mélanie Laurent.				
LMN	600 Psycho Granny (2019) Robin Riker.		Deranged Granny (2020, Susp.) Wendie Malick. Premiere.					Killer Grandma (2018, Susp.) Kelly Sullivan, Nana Visitor.		Deranged		
Max	645 Big Momma’s House 2 ★ (2006) Martin Lawrence.		825 Stuber ★★ (2019) Dave Bautista.					Warrior (N)		10:55 Warrior	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire	
MoreMax	540 Pathfinder ★★ (2007)		720 Freelancers ★★ (2012) Robert De Niro.		Warrior			955 Fear ★★ (1996) Mark Wahlberg.		11:35 Saw: The Final Chapter		
TheMovieCh	615 Chloe ★★ (2009) Julianne Moore.		Julie & Julia ★★ (2009) Meryl Streep, Amy Adams.					10:05 Sunshine Cleaning ★★ (2008)		11:40 Sword of Trust (2019)		
Showtime	645 The Manchurian Candidate ★★ (2004, Susp.) Denzel Washington.		Brahms: The Boy II ★ (2020) Katie Holmes.					Courage Under Fire ★★ (1996, Act.) Denzel Washington.				
Showtime2	Apollo 13	Active Shooter: America	Couples Ther-	Circus				Cartoon Pres.		The Gentlemen ★★ (2020) Matthew McConaughey.		
Starz	635 Big Hero 6 ★★ (2014) Scott Adsit		Frozen ★★ (2013) Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel.					946 Jumanji: The Next Level ★★ (2019) Dwayne Johnson.		Princess		
STZNC	That’s-Boy	655 Think Like a Man ★★ (2012) Michael Ealy.						The Amazing Spider-Man ★★ (2012) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone.		11:20 Along Came Polly ★★		
Sundance	Law & Order	Law & Order “All New”	Law & Order “Exchange”					Law & Order “Skate or Die”		Law & Order	Law & Order	
TurnerCM	600 Ride the High Country ★★ (1962)		The Greatest Show on Earth ★★ (1952) Betty Hutton, Charlton Heston.					10:45 The Circus ★★ (1928) Charlie Chaplin.		Big Circus		
NEWS & SPORTS	7:00		8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00					
CNBC	Mad Money	Shepard Smith	American Greed					American Greed (N)		American Greed	S. Smith	
CNN	Situation Rm	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)					CNN Tonight with Don Lemon		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon	Cooper 360	
ESPN	SportsCenter	Coll. Football	College Football					SportsCenter (N) (L)		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Daily Wager	INFL Live	High School Football St. Thomas Aquinas (Fla.) vs. American Heritage (Fla.). (N) (L)					Max		Boxing	Baseball	
FoxNews	Bret Baier	The Story With Martha	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)					Hannity (N) (L)		The Ingraham Angle (N) (L)	Fox News at Night	Tucker
MASN	ESPNNEWS (N)	College Soccer Louisville at Notre Dame. (N) (L)						Bensinger		Behind/Line	The Obligatory PSU Pregame	Madden
NBCSP	Born to Run	Mecum Auto Auctions “Indy” From Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.										
SportsNET	600 106.7 The Fan’s Sports Junkies							Football		Ravens	Football	Premier League Soccer
VARIETY CABLE	7:00		8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00					
A&E	The First 48	The First 48	First 48: Shocking					Live Rescue “Live Rescue – 11.06.20” (N)			Live Rescue	
Animal Pint	Monsters	River Monsters “Razorhead”	River Monsters					River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)		River Monsters	Monsters	
BBC	600 From Russia With Love ★★ (1963) Sean Connery.		Goldfinger ★★ (1964, Act.) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.					The Graham Norton Show (N)		From Russia		
BET	500 The Help ★★ (2011, Drai.) Viola Davis, Emma Stone.		Tyler Perry’s Sistas					House/Payne		Martin	Martin	
Bravo	500 How to Be Single ★★		13 Going on 30 ★★ (2004) Jennifer Garner. Premiere.					13 Going on 30 ★★ (2004) Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo.		How to Be Single ★★ (2016)		
Cartoon Net	Teen Titans	Teen Titans Go!	Wrid, Gumball	Wrid, Gumball	Bob’s Burgers	American Dad	American Dad	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
Comedy Ch	The Office	The Office	Schitt’s Creek	Schitt’s Creek	Schitt’s Creek	Schitt’s Creek	Schitt’s Creek	Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain		Chappelle’s		
Discovery	Gold Rush	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)	Gold Rush “The Fast and The Furious” Parker’s new strategy. (N)					11:34 Gold Rush (N)		Gold Rush		
Disney	Jessie	Raven	Raven	Roll With It	Raven	Raven	Liv-Mad.	Raven	Raven	Roll With It	Jessie	
Disney XD	Big City	DuckTales	Big Hero 6	Player Select	Player Select	Player Select	Player Select	Avengers	Owl Hse.	Owl Hse.	Owl Hse.	
DIY	Beachfront	Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront Renovation					Beachfront Renovation		Beachfront Renovation	Beachfront	
E!	Fool’s Gold ★	The Proposal ★★ (2009, Rom-Com) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds.						The Proposal ★★ (2009, Rom-Com) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds.		Fool’s Gold ★		
Food Net	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
Freeform	The Santa Clause 2 ★★ (2002, Children’s) Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell.		The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ★★ (2006) Tim Allen.					The 700 Club (N)		The Simpsons		
FX	500 Fast & Furious 6 ★★ (2013) Vin Diesel.		BlackKkLansman ★★ (2018, Com-Dra.) John David Washington, Adam Driver.					BlackKkLansman ★★ (2018) Adam Driver				
FYI	600 Top Gear	Top Gear	Top Gear “Off Road Racing”					Ult. Rides	Ult. Rides	Ult. Rides	Top Gear	
GAC	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	
Galavision	Los eleg	Nosotros los.	Nosotros los.	Nosotros los.	Nosotros los.	Nosotros los.	Nosotros los.	El show de la	El show de la	La parodia		
Hallmark	600 A Royal Christmas (2014)		A Shoe Addict’s Christmas (2018) Candace Cameron Bure.					Christmas Under Wraps (2014) Candace Cameron Bure.		Marry Me At		
HGTV	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Hunters Int’l	Hunters Int’l	My Big Italian Adventure (N)		Hunters	Hunters Int’l	Hunters	Hunters Int’l	Italian
History Ch	Curse-Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island					The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island	Curse-Island	
Lifetime	600 The Christmas Aunt (2020, Dra.)		The Christmas Yule Blog (2020) Sara Canning. Premiere.					10:03 A Crafty Christmas Romance (2020) Nicola Posener.		Christmas		
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
Nat’l Geo	Ultimate Sur-	Ultimate Survival Alaska	Ultimate Survival Alaska	“Covert Ops” Teams are dropped on a remote beach.				Ultimate Survival Alaska		Drug Lords		
Nickelodeon	Danger Force	Danger Force	Danger Force	Danger Force	Danger Force	Substitute	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
Noggin	PAW Patrol	Blaze	Blaze	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Bubble	Blue’s Clues	Peppa Pig		
OWN	Tiamon Hall	Ready to Love	Ready to Love					Put A Ring On It “Episode 2”		Put A Ring On It “Episode 2”	Ready	
PARMT	Two/Half Men	Grown Ups 2 ★ (2013, Com.) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock.						Grown Ups 2 ★ (2013, Com.) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock.		Ace Ventura		
Science	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	
Syfy	600 The Fifth Element ★★ (1997) Bruce Willis, Ian Holm.		Death Wish ★ (2018, Act.) Bruce Willis, Vincent D’Onofrio, Elisabeth Shue.					Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
TBS	Family Guy	Seinfeld	First Fight ★★					915 Pain & Gain ★★ (2013, Act.) Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson, Ed Harris.		Super Punch		
TLC	I Say Yes	The Family Chantel	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)					90 Day: Other	90 Day: Other	90 Day: Other	90 Day: Other	
TNT	600 Bones	Bones	Transformers ★★ (2007, Act.) Shia LaBeouf. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.					All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite		Mad Max 2		
truTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Secret Videos	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	
TVLand	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
TVOne	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	FamilyMatters	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	
Univision	Noticiero Uni.	La Rosa de Guadalupe (N)	La Rosa de Guadalupe	Imperio de mentiras (N)		Dulce ambición (N)		Noticiero Uni.	Noticiero Uni	Deportivo		
USA	600 Avengers: Age of Ultron ★★ (2015, Act.) Robert Downey Jr.		Ant-Man ★★ (2015, Act.) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly.					Sister Act ★★ (1992) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith.		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
VH1	Martin	Martin	Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ★★ (1993) Whoopi Goldberg, Kathy Najimy.					Sister Act ★★ (1992) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith.				
WGN-A	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	NewsNation (N) (L)		NewsNation (N) (L)		NewsNation (N) (L)		NewsNation	NewsNation	

TV Saturday

BEST BETS

Killer Siblings / 6:00pm (OXY) 12:00am (OXY) This true-crime series returns for its sophomore season of fact-based accounts regarding devious, corrupt and downright evil siblings caught in the act of committing dastardly acts. The season opener, “Hawes,” chronicles the case of a family member who embezzled from his relatives, prompting the other Hawes siblings to retaliate. Firsthand interviews with investigating police officers, detectives and a district attorney reveal the shocking and sordid details of how aggrieved siblings murdered one of their own.

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 2020 Inductions / 8:00pm (HBO) 10:10pm (HBO) This new two-hour special was produced in lieu of the traditional live induction ceremony originally scheduled for last May but delayed by the coronavirus pandemic. This year’s inductees include Depeche Mode, The Doobie Brothers, Whitney Houston, Nine Inch Nails, The Notorious B.I.G. and T. Rex. Also recognized with the Ahmet Ertegun Award for non-performers are entertainment executive Irving Azoff and film producer Jon Landau (“Titanic,” “Avatar”).

MOVIE “Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater” / 8:00pm (Hallmark) Maggie (Ashley Williams), a stressed-out



Depeche Mode is among those being honored in The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 2020 Inductions Saturday on HBO.

single mom, is depressed over having to face a Christmas all on her own this year in this new 2020 romance. That reality changes unexpectedly, though, when a handsome guy named Lucas (Niall Matter) comes crashing into her life and becomes an unexpected house guest. As they spend time together, the two of them fend off the melancholy holiday blues and take comfort in their new and surprisingly comfortable connection.

MOVIE “A Welcome Home Christmas” / 8:00pm (Lifetime) 12:01am (Lifetime) Chloé always tries to support various military organizations, and as this year’s Army toy drive for Christmas rolls around, she finds herself partnered with Michael, a veteran who recently returned home from a tour of duty. Together, they recruit other vets and active military personnel to help with their mission. As the Officer’s Christmas Ball approaches, though, Chloé and Michael realize their new-found closeness is the best gift of all.

LOCAL	6:30 PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
NBC 4	Nightly News	College Football	Clemson at Notre Dame. (N) (L)							News4 at 11	11:29 Saturday Night Live (N)	
FOX 5	College Football	College Extra	Boxing PBC: Luis Ortiz vs. Alexander Flores. (N) (L)					Fox 5 News at 10 (N)			Fox 5 News Cosmos: Possible Worlds	
ABC 7	Coll. Football	Coll. Football	College Football Stanford at Oregon. (N) (L)							ABC 7 News	Ravens America This	
CBS 9	Football	Inside Edition	Kenmore	Manhunt: Deadly Games (N)		Manhunt: Deadly Games (N)		48 Hours (N)		9 News	11:35 NCIS "The Last Link"	
MNTV 20	Central Ave	Fox 5 News On the Plus (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Paid Program
CW 50	Two/Half Men	Wash Huddle	Hok All	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	The World's	The World's	Ninja Warrior
PBS 22	Washington	Wash	NewsHour Wk	Doc Martin "Faith"	Professor T. "The Family"		Prey "Episode 3"		Song of the Mountains		Doc Martin	
PBS 26.4	Both Fronts	Finding Your Roots	African Americans		African Americans		America ReFramed		Independent Lens		African Amer	
SELECT CABLE	7:00 PM			8:00		9:00		10:00		11:00		12:00
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	430 Gladiator *** (1998) Russell Crowe.			Taken 2 *** (2012) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace. Premiere.				Eli Roth's History of Horror		11: Robot *** (2004) Will Smith.		
Animal Planet	The Aquarium	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet		10:01 Mega Zoo (N)		The Secret Life of the Zoo		Dr. Jeff: RMV	
BBC	Planet Earth	Planet Earth "Ocean Deep"	Earth's Great Seasons "Spring (Extended)"		9:30 Planet Earth				Planet Earth "Mountains"		Planet Earth "Freshwater"	
Bravo	16:38 Sweet Home Alabama *** (2002) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas.			9:13 Sweet Home Alabama *** (2002, Rom-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas.								Coyote Ugly
Comedy Ch	9:30 Rush Hour *** (1998) Jackie Chan.			Rush Hour 2 *** (2001, Act.) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.				Rush Hour 3 *** (2007, Act.) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.				Chappelle's
Discovery	Doomsday			Doomsday Cau.- Camera		Doomsday Cau.- Camera		Doomsday Cau.- Camera		Doomsday Cau.- Camera		Doomsday
Disney	Big City	Big City	Alvin and the Chipmunks *** (2007)		Big City	9:35 Big City Greens		Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie
DIY	Maine Cabin	Maine Cabin Masters	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	Maine Cabin Masters	Maine Cabin Masters	Maine Cabin
ESPN	Scoreboard	College Football	Texas A&M at South Carolina. (N) (L)					Scoreboard	College Football Washington at California. (N) (L)			
FoxNews	Fox Report	Life, Liberty & Levin	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Judge Jeanine		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Watters' World		Justice Judge	
Freeform	Cloudy-Meatballs 2		12:00 Minions *** (2015) Voices of Sandra Bullock. Premiere.		9:25 Despicable Me 3 *** (2017) Voices of Steve Carell.				Miracle on 34th Street ***		Deep Horizon	
fx	5:00 Furious 7 *** (2015) Vin Diesel.		The Fate of the Furious *** (2017, Act.) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Charlize Theron.		Fargo "Lay Away"						34th Street ***	
FXM	War for Planet of the Apes		7:40 Kingsman: The Secret Service *** (2014, Act.) Colin Firth, Michael Caine.				10:20 Kingsman: The Secret Service *** (2014) Colin Firth.					
Hallmark	6:00 On the 12th Date of Christmas (2020)			Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater (2020). Premiere.		Switched for Christmas (2017) Candace Cameron Bure.		10:01 Should I Stay or Go (N)		11:01 Love It or List It		Getaway
HGTV	Home Town		Home Town		Should I Stay or Go (N)		9:01 Gut Job "Episode 1" (N)				Gut Job	
History Ch	Curse-Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island "Rock Solid"		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		Curse-Island	
Lifetime	6:00 The Christmas Yule Blog (2020, Dra.)		1A Welcome Home Christmas (2020) Jana Kramer. Premiere.		10:03 A Christmas Wish (2019) Hilarie Burton, Pam Grier.						Christmas	
MASN	Bensinger	College Soccer Wake Forest at NC State. (N) (L)			Touchdown Baltimore		Fight Sports WCK		Take Me Out		Orioles Classics	
Nat'l Geo	Life Below	Life Below Zero	Life Below Zero "Into the Night"						Life Below Zero "Bloodlines"		Drugs, Inc	
Nickelodeon	Love House	The Loud House "Schooled!"	Danger Force		Side Hustle	Substitute	Unleashed	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	4:30 Shooter *** (2007)		Tombstone *** (1993, Wes.) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn.				Top Gun *** (1986, Act.) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.					
Science	Secrets in the Ice			What on Earth? "NYC's Death Island" A forgotten island is revealed. (N)						What on Earth?		Earth
SportsNET	Trackside Live! (N) (L)			Football	Rivera	Football	Football	Football	Ravens	Football	Rivera	Football
TCM	Death Wish * Escape Plan *** (2013, Act.) Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger.		John Wick: Chapter 2 *** (2017, Act.) Keanu Reeves, Common.								Futurama	
Syfy	6:15 My Favorite Year *** (1982, Com.)			1A Hard Day's Night *** (1964) The Beatles.		9:45 It's Trad, Dad! *** (1962) Felix Felton		11:15 The Knack, and How to Get It ***				
TLC	Extreme Cou-	Extreme Cou-	Extreme Cou-	Extreme Cou-	Extreme Cou-	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme Cou-
TLN	6:00 Transformers *** (2007, Act.) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson.			Ready Player One *** (2018, Sci-Fi) Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke.								1M Legend
USA	5:00 Ant-Man *** (2015)		Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 *** (2017, Sci-Fi) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana.					Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 *** (2017) Chris Pratt.				

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enough pressure that has allowed his other teammates to thrive.

Young, his teammates and his coaches are all convinced: Keep playing like this, and it's only a matter of time before Young gets his hands on the quarterback.

“He’s done a lot,” linebacker Jon Bostic said. “The stat sheet won’t exactly show everything he is doing, but when you understand football and you turn that film on, you know he’s a problem over there.”

“The numbers will come,” defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio said.

Young’s impact can be most seen in the run game, Bostic said. The defensive end has been dominant in setting the edge, which means keeping the play from breaking outside. His ability to slip tackles using his quick-twitch allows him to explode to the backfield — where he’s recorded five tackles for loss. That’s second among rookies, despite Carolina’s Derrick Brown (6) having played two more games than Young.

Bostic added Young’s



Washington defensive end Chase Young has recorded five tackles for losses this season, which is second among rookies. Young has 2½ sacks, but the total came in just the first two weeks of the season.

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intelligence in recognizing plays has also made a difference. That particularly shows up on screen plays as Young reacts quickly to sniffing plays out. Young has even been asked occasionally to drop back in coverage on zone blitzes — a role that Washington would generally like to avoid, but feel that Young can handle if need be. “When you talk about a well-rounded defensive end, that’s what you’re looking for,” Bostic said.

Still, even without sacks, Young has been disruptive in

the passing game. Already, opposing offenses are doing all that they can to try and limit Young: Double teams, chips, you name it.

The extra attention, however, has freed up those around him. Specifically, Jonathan Allen and Montez Sweat have feasted in one-on-one matchups. Sweat leads Washington with five sacks, while Allen has helped collapse pockets quickly.

Young’s pressure is also helping create turnovers. Three weeks ago, when Kendall Fuller picked off New York Giants quarterback

Daniel Jones in the corner of the end zone, it was Young who was right in Jones’ face — forcing him to stumble back and make an errant throw. Against the Los Angeles Rams, Young similarly sped up the play as quarterback Jared Goff rushed his throw and was intercepted by Fuller.

“I’m not tripping about this or that,” Young said when asked about his versatility. “Whatever the team needs me to do, I’ll do.”

Coach Ron Rivera noted that Young’s start was partly slowed down by the groin injury that

caused him to miss all of Week 4’s loss against the Baltimore Ravens and most of the week prior in Cleveland. But Rivera said he’s encouraged by the way Young has responded, highlighting his effort in practice.

Rivera thinks Young is close to a breakout, telling reporters that the 21-year-old will have to continue to grow.

“He can’t get frustrated because that’s one of the things that happens with young players,” Rivera said. “They want to explode onto the scene. First of all, he plays a position where (opponents) pay attention to him. He’s a rush end. ... They’re just not going to let him go screaming off of the edge.”

For now, Young isn’t fazed. He realizes that ultimately, sacks are what get defensive ends paid. Late last month, he even broke out an imitation of how his mother yells in a soft but hoarse voice when she eggs him on to get to the passer. “Sack! A Sack! I need a sack!” Young said, his eyes bugling wide.

When he’s tired on the field, Young said he thinks of his mom’s push to keep him motivated.

“I can’t look like no sucker for my mom,” he said.

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would be different in the face of the pandemic, and unfortunately has forced another weekend without football for our team,” Tulsa athletic director Rick Dickson said. “I’m disappointed for our football student-athletes and coaches who continue to work and practice diligently, but it reinforces the challenge facing all programs.”

Navy halted all football activities after positive COVID-19 cases among players and players being placed in quarantine after contact tracing determined they had high-risk contact with an infected person. Navy did not specify the number of players impacted.

“We are disappointed not to face Tulsa this weekend, however protocols and guidelines are very comprehensive both at the Naval Academy and within the American Athletic Conference,” Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk said. “An administrative decision has been made that clearly reflects the safety and welfare of all involved with both institutions.”

The service academy game between Air Force and Army scheduled for Saturday in West Point, New York, was also postponed Thursday due to an increase in COVID-19 cases at the academy along with the surrounding community. The schools are working to reschedule the game.

The Falcons are in line to win the annual Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy should they beat Army. Air Force began the round-robin competition between the service academies with a 40-7 win over Navy on Oct. 3. The winning academy goes to the White House to receive the coveted trophy from the president.

“We are disappointed to postpone this game, but the health and safety of our cadets, staff and the community continues to be our No. 1 priority at the academy,” Air Force director of athletics Nathan Pine said.

The season opener scheduled for Saturday between California and Washington was canceled following a request from the Golden Bears due to a positive coronavirus test for one of their players. The cancellation was a big blow for the Pac-12 as the conference prepares to kick off a seven-game football slate after league programs had watched other teams around the country playing for weeks.

California doesn’t have the minimum number of scholarship players available for the game as a result of the positive test and the need for other players to isolate under contact tracing protocols, the Pac-12 said in a statement Thursday.

Pac-12 guidelines require at least 53 scholarship players to be available for a game to be played. The conference said the game would be declared a no-contest.

Louisville paused all football activities Wednesday and its Saturday game at Virginia has been postponed at least a week due to a spike in virus cases. Louisville athletic director Vince Tyra told reporters Wednesday night the program has 10 players who have tested positive for COVID-19 and five players who were in quarantine because of contact tracing. Five support staff members also tested positive and two others are in quarantine.

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played a major role in a comeback victory against a Big Ten school. But it didn’t shock coach Mike Locksley; he was the one who extended Funk a scholarship offer in 2015, shortly after he became the Terrapins’ interim head coach.

Locksley had seen what Funk could do at Damascus High School, the 2,866 rushing yards and a state record 57 touchdowns his senior year. Funk epitomizes the kind of talent Locksley wants to keep local.

But it took time for Funk to make his mark in College Park, a combination of the skilled rushers ahead of him in the pecking order and the injuries that sidelined him. In 2018, he first missed eight games with a broken hand, returned for one week and then tore his ACL. And the following year, he tore his ACL again during the third game of the season.

Funk’s back as a redshirt senior because he didn’t give in, though, and it led to his latest opportunity.

“I was never going to let an injury define me as a football player,” Funk said. “I love the game too much to be able to step away because of an injury, unless it was really, really career threatening.”

Funk didn’t believe his torn ACL was that, even though he had torn it the year before. He has seen some of the top running backs in the NFL recover from similar knee injuries, and he figured he could do the same.

He and his brother, Josh, made tweaks to their workouts from the year before. They also had more time to train, pinpointing certain areas Funk wanted to strengthen. Funk would see his brother five times a week, lift weights with his friends in a barn four times a week, and saw a running back coach one-on-one another three to four times a week.

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three months of great play this summer, including a victory at Colonial, might count toward a major that was supposed to be held in the spring.

With the Masters a week away, Berger has company among players in the top 40. Viktor Hovland, a former U.S. Amateur champion from Norway, won the Puerto Rico Open and has relied on solid, steady golf to reach No. 24 in the world. Ryan Palmer is having a resurgent year with five top-10 finishes and two close calls. He is No. 33, his best world ranking in five years.

Not to be overlooked is Harris English, who was No. 373 in the world and had only conditional status when the previous season began. He had four top 10s in five events, never lost his touch after the three-month shutdown due to the coronavirus pandemic and played his way into the Tour Championship. And then he was fourth in the U.S. Open. Now he is up to

No. 35 in the world.

All of them will be watching a Masters without spectators, without blooms, without roars and without them.

It couldn’t be any other way. This is the 2020 Masters, and it was meant to be played April 9-12 with a field of 96 players who began qualifying a week after Woods won his fifth green jacket. C.T. Pan won the RBC Heritage at Hilton Head to qualify for his first Masters. He will have waited 571 days to hear his name announced. Pan now is No. 169 in the world.

Would it have hurt to add one player?

Yes, if the player in question was Berger, because five other players since have won PGA Tour events that qualify them next year. And with limited daylight, Augusta National already is going to a two-tee start and still might not beat darkness.

Augusta National avoided what could have been messy with Collin Morikawa. He was just outside the top 50 when he tied for ninth in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, moving into the top 50. A week later, the



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Maryland running back Jake Funk rushed for 221 yards on 21 carries in the Terrapins’ overtime win last week against Minnesota. He rushed for two touchdowns, including one in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

“It would be long, hard days where you were just grinding your body, beating it down, recovering as best you could,” Funk said. “Doing the little things with [Josh] to really get my knee to the point where I feel extremely confident in it.”

At Maryland Stadium against the Golden Gophers, Funk exhibited that confidence. With 21 carries, the 5-foot-10 tailback bowled through Minnesota’s defense to the tune of 221 yards. His short-yardage catch produced the game’s opening score, and a 19-yard scamper in the fourth quarter forced overtime for the Terrapins.

He proved he can be the bell cow on a team that lost considerable talent in the backfield last season, with Anthony McFarland and Javon Leake departing. And five years after Locksley offered

Funk that scholarship, he’s displaying the type of production Locksley thought the former Damascus star would bring to College Park.

“I’ve always been a big Jake Funk fan,” Locksley said. “He’s a guy that’s the all-time leading rusher in the state of Maryland, a local guy, right here from the crib. He’s healthy, his leadership, he brings it every day.”

His experience helps to nurture a new starting quarterback, and his ability to pick up free blitzers keeps Taulia Tagovailoa upright. His aptitude at breaking big runs for his team just completes the dynamic.

“That’s Jake. That’s what he does,” Tagovailoa said. “He’s a machine.”

He’s an indispensable part of a team undergoing the early parts of a rebuild, with youth all

pandemic shut down golf, and the Masters used that March 17 world ranking to fill out the field.

Imagine if Morikawa had been a fraction of a point outside the top 50, and then won the PGA Championship at Harding Park. Is he in the Masters? The club never had to consider that scenario.

Even with the smallest field and the toughest qualifying criteria, the Masters gets the right field.

There was outrage in some media corners in 2012 when Ernie Els didn’t qualify and wasn’t extended a special invitation. Those typically are reserved for international players who don’t have regular access to the PGA Tour. Els had his chances. He wound up winning the British Open that summer, and he had a Masters invitation for the following five years.

This is not a time for Berger, Hovland, Palmer and English to wonder what they’re missing, because they were never part of the 2020 Masters. This is the time for them to celebrate what they’ve achieved to at least be

around trying to navigate a Big Ten schedule. The Oct. 30 result was a positive step, in large part thanks to Funk’s contributions.

After the game, after the celebrations that spilled onto the field and into the locker room subsided, Funk found a moment to himself. He hadn’t forgotten those who had made that magical night possible, the ones who had supported him through a second torn ACL. So he pulled out his phone and made the call, thanking his family.

He was a long way from that hospital bed.

“There are very, very, very few people that really understand what the last two to two-and-a-half years have been like for me, from a physical standpoint to a mental standpoint,” Funk said. “It’s been a long two years, to say the least.”

part of the conversation, and to look forward to the next Masters. They earned it.

All four are guaranteed spots at Augusta National next April by reaching the Tour Championship, no small feat for any of them. Berger and English were out of the top 125 the previous season. Hovland was a PGA Tour rookie. Palmer’s game never seems far off, though he had gone six years since he last played in the Tour Championship.

Now they’re in the top 40, and not likely to lose much ground with only two tournaments left this year after the Masters.

They can expect that cream-colored invitation in the mail from Augusta National in December. They will start next year at Kapalua on Maui. And they can make plans for a Masters that is only five months away.

There might be spectators then among the blazing blooms and Georgia pines. And their names will be called in an introduction not heard anywhere else. “Fore, please.”

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Soto earns his first Silver Slugger award

After finishing with an MLB-best 1.185 on-base plus slugging percentage during the 60-game season, Washington Nationals outfielder Juan Soto earned his first Silver Slugger award, Louisville Slugger announced Thursday night on MLB

Network.



The 22-year-old led the National League with a .351 batting average

to go along with 13 home runs and 37 RBIs. His .490 on-base percentage and .695 slugging percentage also lead the majors.

Soto has developed into one of the top hitters in the league since bursting onto the scene in 2018. During the Nationals’ 2019 postseason run, Soto made his mark on the national stage, clubbing five homers — including three during the World Series.

Washington underperformed in 2020, but Soto kept up his hot bat, joining the Dodgers’ Mookie Betts and Braves’ Ronald Acuña Jr. as NL Silver Slugger outfield recipients.

“I am so happy to win this award,” Soto said in a statement. “Thank you to the opposing managers and coaches who voted for me. I am proud to be a part of this year’s talented group of award winners. I want to thank Dave Martinez, Kevin Long, Pat Roessler, Troy Ginchich and the rest of the staff for working with me and pushing me to be the best I can be. I also want to thank my family who is there to support me each and every day.”

NFL

NFL probes 49ers for possible virus violations

SANTA CLARA, CALIF. | The NFL and the union are investigating the San Francisco 49ers and receiver Kendrick Bourne for possible violations of the league’s coronavirus protocols.

A person familiar with the investigation says the probe is looking into whether Bourne was wearing a face covering as required by the COVID-19 rules. Details of the investigation haven’t been announced by the league. Bourne was placed on the COVID-19 list on Wednesday after testing positive for the coronavirus. Teammates Brandon Aiyuk, Trent Williams and Deebo Samuel were also placed on the list as “high risk” close contacts of Bourne’s.

All of the tests taken Wednesday for the 49ers came back negative the following day and their game Thursday night against Green Bay went on as scheduled. While Bourne’s test was negative, the original is not considered a false positive because 101 out of 104 people in the league who tested negative one day after a positive test were later proven positive with subsequent tests, the person said.

NCAA

William & Mary will keep three men’s sports

WILLIAMSBURG, VA. | William & Mary is reversing an earlier decision to cut three men’s sports and will support the programs through at least the 2021-22 academic year while developing a financial plan to keep them sustainable.

The announcement completes a complete pivot from a Sept. 3 announcement that the men’s sports — gymnastics, swimming and track & field — and four women’s sports would be cut because of COVID-related financial shortfalls. The university later announced the women’s sports were being reinstated on Oct. 19.

The university also is pledging to complete a gender equity review by this spring and demonstrate its Title IX compliance during the 2022-23 academic year.

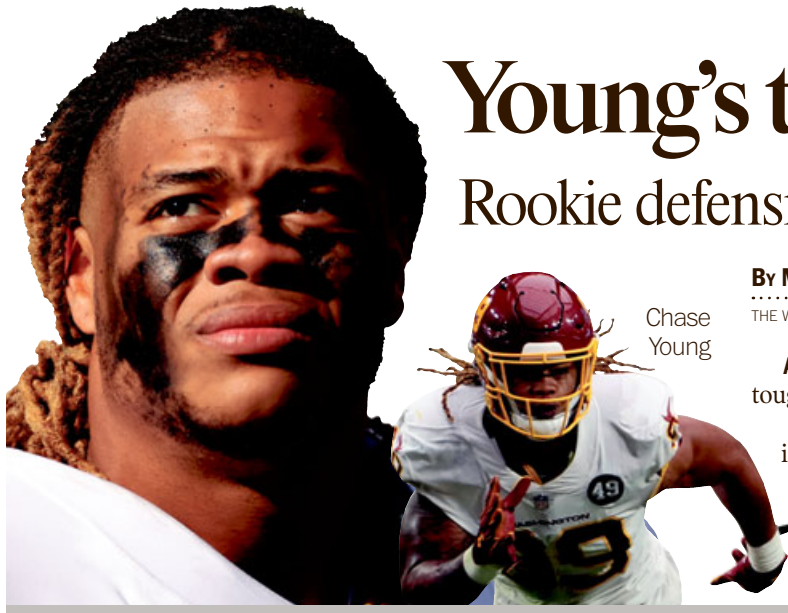
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Nations outfielder Soto wins MLB Silver Slugger Award. **B9**



Chase Young

By MATTHEW PARAS
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

ASHBURN | Carla Young is a tough grader.

She just gave her son, Washington rookie defensive end Chase Young, a C+ after assessing his performance so far this season. She made



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her reasons clear, too. “She said that (it was because) I’m not leading the league in sacks,” Young said.

The second overall pick in this year’s NFL draft said he had no choice but to “take it on the chin,” adding that he was going to improve those numbers.

Almost halfway through the season, Young has just 2½ sacks — all coming during Washington’s first two weeks.

That doesn’t mean Young is

ineffective, even if mom wants more.

According to Pro Football Focus, Young is the analytics website’s highest-graded rookie this season. He’s been productive in blowing up the run, chasing down runners and creating

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Back in the groove

Terrapins’ Funk rehabs, rediscovers his ground moves after knee injuries

By ANDY KOSTKA
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

There was a time — however short — that Jake Funk wasn’t sure if he’d be back to running and cutting and scoring touchdowns on a football field.

After an injury-filled 2018 gave way to another ACL tear in 2019, his second in as many seasons, the Maryland football running back returned to square one. He had another full recovery to work through, more waiting and resting and wondering.

And Funk had plenty to wonder about: Wondering if his twice surgically repaired knee would feel quite the same, wondering what his role might be in the Terrapins’ backfield if he did make it back and wondering if there would be a season at all given the coronavirus pandemic.

“My family was there when I’m sitting in a hospital bed crying, debating whether my football career is going to end or not,” Funk said.

Funk’s football career did not end in that hospital bed. He got up and out of it. He returned to rehab, gaining strength and trust back in his knee, working closely with his brother, Josh, a physical therapist. Then he returned to



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practices, and to games, and last week against Minnesota he compiled a career day.

He had been knocked down — twice — yet stood up stronger on both occasions. After that 221-yard, two-touchdown performance on Oct. 30, which dispelled any doubts that Funk was back at his best, Funk picked up his phone and called those who never doubted.

“My mom, my dad, my older brother and then his fiancée were at the game,” Funk said. “All them were together, and I called them all and just thanked them all, because all the time each and every one of them has put into me the last couple years, going through what I’ve gone through.”

It took a roundabout path for Funk to get where he was last week, the lead rusher who

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virus outbreak pushes back Navy’s game against Tulsa

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The American Athletic Conference postponed the Tulsa at Navy game scheduled for Saturday due to positive COVID-19 cases and contact tracing at Navy.

The schools and conference made the announcement in a news release Thursday. It’s the sixth FBS game this week and the 43rd since Aug. 26 to be postponed or canceled.

A makeup date has not been announced. Tulsa and Navy do not share a common open date the rest of the season, so the conference will “consider a number of options with regard to the



playing of the contest.”

This is the fourth time that a Tulsa game has been postponed or canceled due to COVID-19 cases. Tulsa’s game against Oklahoma State was pushed back a week to Sept. 19 because Tulsa had COVID-19 issues. The Golden Hurricane were supposed to play Arkansas State on Sept. 26, but the Red Wolves couldn’t

put a two-deep lineup together. That game has not been rescheduled. Tulsa was set to play Cincinnati last month, but the Bearcats said they couldn’t play, and the game was moved to Dec. 5.

“We knew that this season

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Tiger Woods

Four Top 40 players left out to be spectators at Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON
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It’s rare to have a player in the top 40 missing from the Masters, much less four of them. Rarer still is to show up at Augusta National and notice who’s missing.

That element won’t change, especially with so much anticipation from waiting 18 months to hear: “Fore, please. Tiger Woods now driving?” And with

so much intrigue about chasing a green jacket two weeks before Thanksgiving.

The chase will not include Daniel Berger, the No. 13 player in the world.

Berger received more attention from being left off the November invitation list than if he had been playing in the Masters. It became a bigger story than necessary because he was holding out hope that his

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Berger



Hovland



Palmer



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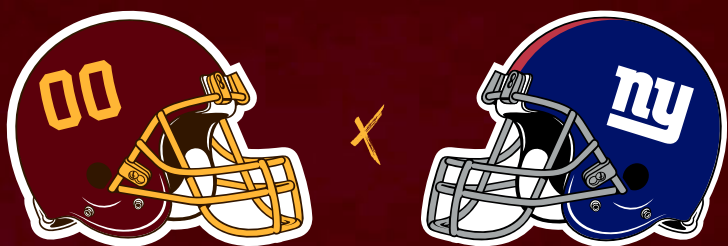
WORLD GOLF RANKING

Player	Points
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2. Jon Rahm, Spain	10.24
3. Justin Thomas, U.S.	9.12
4. Collin Morikawa, U.S.	7.52
5. Rory McIlroy, N. Ireland	7.51
6. Bryan DeChambeau, U.S.	7.45
7. Xander Schauffele, U.S.	7.21
8. Webb Simpson, U.S.	7.06
9. Patrick Cantley, U.S.	6.37
10. Tyrrell Hatton, England	6.32
13. Daniel Berger, U.S.	5.01
24. Viktor Hovland, Norway	3.59
33. Ryan Palmer, U.S.	3.28
35. Harris English, U.S.	3.12

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The Washington Football Team will come out of the bye week to take on the New York Giants at FedExField on Sunday, Nov. 8. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. ET.

Washington (2-5) is looking to build off a 25-3 win against the Dallas Cowboys. Landon Collins forced a strip sack on quarterback Andy Dalton, which resulted in a safety, and led for the entire game. The offense, led by 128 rushing yards from Antonio Gibson and 90 receiving yards from Terry McLaurin, put up 397 total yards, while the defense recorded six sacks and limited Dallas to a season-low 142 yards.

Washington will try to avenge its 20-19 loss to the Giants three weeks ago. The team fought back from a 13-3 deficit to tie the score, but quarterback Kyle Allen gave up a fumble that turned into a touchdown with less than four minutes left to play. Washington then drove down the field and responded with a touchdown of its own, but it failed on a two-point conversion, resulting in its fifth-straight defeat.

As Washington gets ready for the remaining nine games, head coach Ron Rivera stressed the importance of the win over the Cowboys being a foundation for success late in the season.

“It’s an opportunity for us to hopefully hunker in and play well and see what happens and come out on the right side of that,” he said. “We can be right in the thick of what’s happening in our division.”

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Four states vote for legal recreational marijuana

Mississippi approves drug for medical use

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Has the U.S. reached the tipping point on legalizing marijuana?

Arizona, New Jersey, Montana and South Dakota voted Tuesday to legalize recreational pot, bringing the total number of pro-weed states to 14 and the District of Columbia.

Intuitively, one would think that at least 50% of a given population must ascribe to a new idea before it becomes commonly accepted, but psychological studies show that the so-called tipping point occurs around 25%.

Researchers found a group with a “minority viewpoint” can overturn public consensus by establishing acceptance among “roughly 25%” of the group, according to a 2018 paper published in the journal *Science*.

“Observational accounts of rapid changes in social conventions have suggested that apparently stable societal norms can be effectively overturned by the efforts of small but committed minorities,” said researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and University of London.

With regard to marijuana, political observers note that voters in conservative states, like South Dakota, are approving measures to legalize pot.

“They’re voting disproportionately for other than what you’d expect from traditional Republicanism,” said Michael Card, associate professor of political science at the University of South Dakota.

Just last year, South Dakota Gov. Kristi

Noem, a Republican, vetoed a bill passed by her own party to legalize industrial hemp, warning that use of the non-psychoactive cousin to marijuana might lead to experimenting with the drug.

A slim majority (53%) of South Dakota voters approved a constitutional amendment to “legalize, regulate, and tax” marijuana and hemp. A separate measure to legalize medicinal marijuana passed with 69% of the vote after supporters of legalization had spent more than \$1.5 million, according to campaign finance records.

“The governor said hemp was a ‘gateway drug’ to marijuana, and lo and behold, it became a gateway drug but not in the way she thought,” Mr. Card said of Ms. Noem.

Meanwhile, Mississippi joined the wide majority of states that authorize the use of medical marijuana. (Only Idaho and Nebraska outlaw medicinal pot.) About 67% of Mississippi voters approved the medical pot measure despite opposition by the Republican-led Legislature.

About 60% of Arizona voters and 56% of Montana voters approved ballot measures to legalize recreational marijuana.

“I think it will be a real shot in the arm for the tourism industry,” Dave Lewis, policy adviser for New Approach Montana, told *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*.

Proponents, including the D.C.-based Marijuana Policy Project, say that decriminalizing weed will eliminate arrests for nonviolent offenses, which disproportionately affect Black men. Some point to pot cultivation as a boost



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Voters in Arizona, Montana, New Jersey and South Dakota expressed support Tuesday to legalize recreational marijuana. Mississippi joined the majority of states to authorize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

for drier agricultural regions.

Other observers say marijuana use — like same-sex marriage — represents a once-taboo subject maturing into a nonissue among voters.

The margin of victory in the states, including New Jersey, where 66.9% of voters approved recreational use for persons 21 and older, suggests that legal marijuana is no longer a niche of liberal states, such as Washington, Colorado and California, where cannabis was first legalized for medical purposes in 1996.

In Minnesota, a number of state legislative races saw third-party candidates running under the Legal Marijuana Now and the Grassroots — Legalize Cannabis parties, though the candidates were accused Wednesday of stealing votes from major-party candidates.

Marijuana is still a controlled substance that is illegal under federal law.

HHS to put expiration dates on its regulations

By **DAVID SHERFINSKI**

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Trump administration rolled out what it is billing as the “biggest regulatory reform effort” in the history of the Department of Health and Human Services with a proposed rule to more easily end dormant or ineffective regulations.

Brian Harrison, chief of staff at HHS, described the push as “basically the biggest regulatory reform effort in the history of the world’s biggest regulatory agency.”

Under the proposed rule, any regulation issued by HHS, with limited exceptions, would end after 10 years unless the regulation gets a rigorous review of its economic and practical effects.

“I would expect this to be enduring,” Mr. Harrison told *The Washington Times*. “I think it’s very telling that every presidential administration going back to President Carter has made attempts at solving this problem that we have now found a way to solve.”

There would be a two-year grace period for existing regulations from the time the rule would take effect, which Mr. Harrison estimated would be late this year or early next year.

The department projected that 85% of HHS regulations created before 1990 have not been edited.

“They’ve got mountains of dirt and dust on those rules,” Mr. Harrison said. “Those would have two years even though they were issued over 10 years ago.”

A provision in the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 says major regulations are supposed to be reviewed every 10 years.

“This has largely been ignored for the past 40 years and we found a way to actually take it very seriously,” Mr. Harrison said.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar said the Trump administration is finding a way to deliver on the intent of the law.

“With HHS regulatory responsibilities as wide-ranging as food safety, drug approval, adoption and child care, and health care financing, it’s essential that we know — and inform the American people — whether we’re executing on these responsibilities in a way that maximizes benefits, minimizes costs, and keeps up with the times,” Mr. Azar said.

Mr. Harrison said past presidents ranging from Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama have all tried to force more periodic reviews of rules amid the vast federal bureaucracy but have found it difficult to make major headway.

He pointed out that Reagan required agencies to analyze how burdensome a rule is before they issue one “because rules are by definition burdensome.”

“But what has never been properly done is a review in light of all of the information, evidence and data since the rule has been published,” he said. “Every president back to Carter has demanded it. We’re finally doing it.”

The Trump administration has been engaged in a major deregulatory push since President Trump was inaugurated.

Mr. Trump signed an executive order in January 2017 saying that for every new regulation that’s issued, at least two regulations should be identified for elimination.

Democrats’ blue wave of 2018 recedes

Republicans take back House seats from moderates

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House Democrats failed to re-create their 2018 blue wave, losing even a few of their front-line moderate members to Republican challengers.

Going into the election, Democrats were thought to be poised to not only keep their majority but expand it. Estimates for their anticipated sweep ranged from a net gain of 10 to 15 seats.

Now, while it looks like they’ll still have a hold on the chamber, Republicans chipped away at the majority with at least a seven-seat pickup.

As of Wednesday, Democrats had 203 seats and Republicans 188. Dozens of close races were still undetermined in states such as California, New York and Iowa.

The party with at least 218 seats controls the chamber.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy took a victory lap Wednesday, giving President Trump the credit for propping up House Republicans.

“The Republican coalition is bigger, more diverse and more energetic than ever before. That’s because of President Trump. His efforts in reaching out to every demographic has positively changed the future of the GOP,” said Mr. McCarthy, California Republican. “I think the rejection that we saw last night from the Democrats was that America does not want to be a socialist nation.”

When the counts are finalized, Mr. McCarthy estimates that 14 to 19 more women will join the conference along with six to nine members from racial and ethnic minorities.

The Republicans’ surprising performance leaves many questions for Democrats, whose polling all pointed to a successful night. Those questions, including whether they overestimated the appeal of far-left policies, they will grapple with as leadership elections begin in just two weeks.

On Tuesday, Democratic Congressional



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House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy credited President Trump for Republican victories in Congress on Election Day. “His efforts in reaching out to every demographic has positively changed the future of the GOP,” he said, adding that Americans don’t want a socialist nation.

Campaign Committee Chairwoman Cheri Bustos confidently predicted that her party would surge into the suburbs and flip more Republican seats in swing districts and red strongholds.

“I think we are going to see some wins in these deep-red districts that over time you’re going to see going from ruby red to purple to even blue,” said Ms. Bustos, Illinois Democrat.

The momentum from 2018, when Democrats flipped a historic 43 seats to capture the majority, never materialized.

So far, vulnerable Republican incumbents have been able to fend off Democratic challengers, despite finding themselves in competitive races, particularly in Texas, where the left believed it was their year to turn the state blue or at least purple.

Rep. Chip Roy, a conservative Republican from Texas, found himself in a tight race against former state Sen. Wendy Davis in a district that has been Republican for decades. He ended up winning by a 7-point margin, on par with his performance in 2018.

In fact, Democrats have struggled to take over any of the seats they were aiming for in Texas.

The two seats they won in 2018 remained safe as Reps. Colin Allred and Lizzie Fletcher solidly won reelection bids. But none of the

open seats left vulnerable by retiring Republican Reps. Will Hurd and Pete Olson shifted to the Democrats.

Republicans also held on to a key district in Virginia, where Republican Bob Good won by about 5 percentage points over Democrat Cameron Webb. Democrats were eyeing this race as an indicator of their chances in Republican territory.

The bigger sting, though, comes from having parts of that 2018 blue wave eroded with front-line Democrats losing seats.

These members were battered in the home-stretch as Republicans tied them to the more liberal wing of their party, such as far-left Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, or linked them to the failed coronavirus negotiations of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, California Democrat.

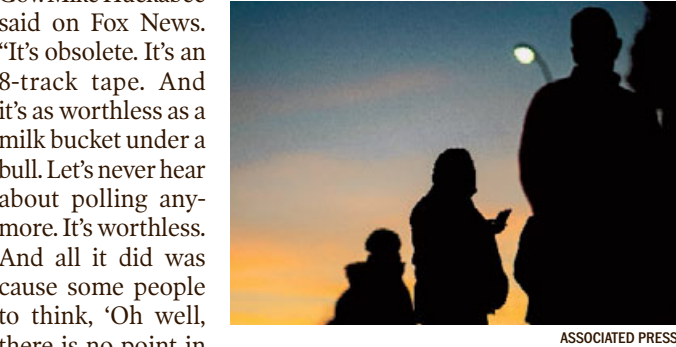
Some incumbent Democrats were known to be at risk, such as Reps. Collin Peterson of Minnesota, Xochitl Torres Small of New Mexico and Kendra Horn of Oklahoma. They all went down in defeat in top-targeted districts where the president won by double digits in 2016.

Other Democratic losses, such as Rep. Joe Cunningham of South Carolina and Reps. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and Donna Shalala of Florida, were considered competitive but tilting in favor of Democrats.

Top pollsters who failed at 2016 races did it again

By **Rowan Scarborough**
The Washington Times

America’s premier pollsters flunked the presidential election just as they did in 2016 by habitually overestimating the Democratic vote in battleground states. Pollsters also gave up on Republicans in key Senate races only to see them win. A Washington Times examination did not find similar poll bias for Republicans. No surveys predicted a Republican victory. Republican Sen. Susan M. Collins in Maine won reelection, but you would never know it by the polls. All of them — 14 — had her losing, by a lot. Angry Republicans said news media and their research firms are misleading the American public into thinking President Trump and other Republicans can’t win. “Look at the polling,” former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said on Fox News. “It’s obsolete. It’s an 8-track tape. And it’s as worthless as a milk bucket under a bull. Let’s never hear about polling anymore. It’s worthless. And all it did was cause some people to think, ‘Oh well, there is no point in going to vote.’ I think we’ve got to get to a place where we don’t depend upon every unscientific methods of polling that have proven to be horribly wrong both in 2016 and 2020.” Said a victorious Sen. Lindsey Graham, South Carolina Republican — who won reelection by 11 points in what was supposed to be a tight race — “To all the pollsters out there: You have no idea what you’re doing.” Why?



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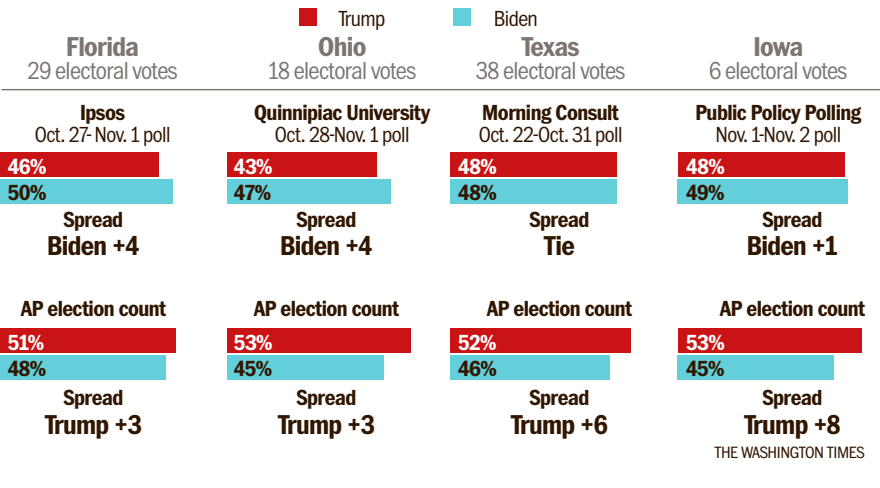
phone than Republicans do,” Mr. Zogby said. “I think for starters, Republicans may be intimidated by what are on occasion effete voices. I know The New York Times always used out-of-work actors and artists on the telephone.” Then there is the sample of voters who are questioned. Some polls this year included self-identified Republicans at less than 30% while the turnout was 35%, just like in 2016. “Ridiculous,” Mr. Zogby said. “It’s been like that. I can tell you in my modeling ... I never get less than 34% or 35% Republicans. Even when I need to weight a little bit, I never get so much out of whack with an oversample of Democrats and an undersample of Republicans.” Pollsters often defend their work by pointing to national polls that came close to predicting Hillary Clinton’s 2% edge in the popular vote.

But Americans elect their leaders by states, not by a national vote. As in 2016, pollsters this time gave Mr. Trump virtually no chance in Wisconsin and Michigan and portrayed Pennsylvania as barely reachable. Voters who relied on polling guru Nate Silver and his political statistics website FiveThirtyEight would not have thought that the election would still be undecided Wednesday evening. He put Mr. Biden’s chances of winning at 90%. Mr. Trump, in other words, had no chance. Four years ago, Stuart Rothenberg wrote in The Washington Post that Mr. Trump had absolutely no path to 270 electoral votes. This year, he wrote in Roll Call on Oct. 19 that Republicans had given up on any chance that Mr. Trump would be reelected. “Veteran Republicans have all but given up on Donald Trump’s reelection and are now focused on minimizing the damage down-ballot,” he wrote. “They criticize

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Polls of battleground states fueled Democrats’ false sense of confidence before the elections, including in red states.



Trump’s poor messaging and salute the Democrats’ fundraising numbers, which reflect Democratic enthusiasm and foretell Republican problems down the stretch. “While Republicans still have a chance to hang on to the Senate, Democratic gains are inevitable, and a net Democratic gain of at least three seats is likely.” That loss in the Senate did not happen, according to initial returns. Why the sureness of a Trump defeat? The answer is battleground polling.

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- Wisconsin: Mr. Trump eked out a win four years ago. He lost by less than 1% this year. Voters would not have expected the tight margin by reading polls on Real Clear Politics. All had Mr. Trump losing and most by significant amounts. Topping the list of perhaps 2020’s most inaccurate poll is ABC News/Washington Post. It reported with a week to go that Mr. Trump trailed by a whopping 17 points.
- Michigan: The second must-win state Mr. Trump narrowly won in 2016. Like last time, pollsters gave him no shot this year, either. CNN said the president would lose by 12 percentage points, Reuters by 10, CNBC, Emerson College by 7. Only conservative-leaning polls gave him a chance. On Wednesday, when media outlets called the state for Mr. Biden, Mr. Trump was behind by 1 point.
- Pennsylvania: A 2016 win for Mr. Trump in another state where most surveys gave him little chance, although the “blue” numbers were single digits. With 63% of precincts reporting Wednesday, Mr. Trump held a 550,000-vote

lead, but state officials said many Democratic-leaning jurisdictions had uncounted votes. ● Florida: Mr. Trump earned a healthy win this year by nearly 400,000 votes and a 3-point edge, yet the average of polls pointed to a Biden 1 percentage point win. Quinnipiac University predicted a 5-point win, and CNBC saw a 3 percentage point Biden victory. Only conservative-leaning polls pegged the Trump victory. ● Iowa: A tough-to-read state where pollsters were generally on the mark, but again undercounted the Republican turnout. Quinnipiac saw a 1 percentage point win for Mr. Trump, who routed Mr. Biden by an 8-point margin, 53% to 45%. ● Ohio: Mr. Trump won a decisive victory, but Ohioans would not know it was coming by reading established pollsters. Quinnipiac conducted two late polls that showed Mr. Biden ahead by 4 to 5 points. Again, the conservative polling firms, Trafalgar and Rasmussen this time, saw the victory of 53% to 45%. The Times asked Quinnipiac poll director Doug Schwartz why so many polls overestimate the Democrat turnout. “A full examination of what went wrong with polls this year is going to take a while,” he said. “At the moment, I still need to see the final election results and final exit poll results, and without those, I’m not able to make even preliminary hypotheses about what exactly the issues are. “After the 2016 election, it took six months for the American Association of Public Opinion Research to release their findings of polling errors. I would expect a full evaluation of 2020 to take at least as long, though we might have some idea of the situation before then.”

Americans urged to refocus on virus as COVID-19 cases rise

By **Tom Howell Jr.**
The Washington Times

Coronavirus trends are worsening as the election aftermath takes center stage, distracting a weary nation even as health experts ask Americans to buckle down on the cusp of the holidays and a risky flu season. COVID-19 is surging in states such as Wisconsin and Gov. Tony Evers on Wednesday opened a press briefing by thanking poll workers before swiftly pivoting to the virus. “It is affecting every Wisconsin community. We have statewide community spread,” the Democrat said. “It’s not happening someplace else or to somebody else. It’s here.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell also said Congress needs to regain its focus. He wants to pass a stimulus bill to deal with the economic fallout from the virus before the end of the year, saying he hopes “the partisan passions that prevented us from doing another rescue package will subside with the election.” The coronavirus loomed over the campaign season, with President Trump insisting the nation was “rounding the turn” in the fight and needed a fully open economy, while Democratic rival Joseph R. Biden accused him of fumbling the response on the eve of a bleak winter. While Election Day is over, the virus is a piece of RNA with a protein coat that

doesn’t know or care who won. It only wants to replicate in humans, and it is doing that rather well, with reported infections reaching daily highs, hospitalizations at their highest point since the midsummer surge and more than 800 people dying from COVID-19 per day. More than 233,000 Americans have died from the virus. The good news is that survival rates are improving as doctors better understand the disease and use new treatments. Drugmakers may be just a few weeks away from seeking emergency approval for a vaccine, kick-starting a massive immunization campaign. “Because the flu and the coronavirus will both be circulating this fall and winter,

it’s imperative that Americans continue protecting their health and that of others around them through scientifically sound, medically proven vaccines,” White House spokesman Michael Bars said. “That’s why Americans should receive both vaccines to help stop the spread of the coronavirus and save lives. Through our unprecedented, whole-of-government response and countrywide commitment to mitigation efforts like washing hands, wearing masks and practicing social distancing, we are better prepared now for the flu season than we ever have been before.” The COVID-19 vaccination effort will last well into 2021, requiring mitigation measures in the meantime.